## American Chemical Society Wabash Valley Section



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## Friends.

On behalf of the Wabash Valley Section of the American Chemical Society, welcome to the joint Midwest/Great Lakes Regional Meeting. Regional meetings such as MWRM/GLRM provide excellent opportunities to academic and industrial chemists alike to present their work. Graduate and undergraduate students will find this regional meeting to provide many of the amenities found at national ACS meetings in a smaller and more relaxed venue. Scientific vendors will also find ample space to present the latest in scientific instrumentation, equipment, books and other wares.

The theme of this meeting, Solutions for a Changing World, is particularly timely in this International Year of Chemistry. Chemistry is at the forefront of managing the sustainability of energy, agriculture, water and air resources, all of which are of particular interest to the Midwest and Great Lakes. We hope this meeting will inform and inspire you to contribute to these goals in ways relevant your own inclination and expertise.

Whatever your reason for attending this meeting, we hope you will find your stay to be productive and pleasant. At the meeting, please attend the exhibits, symposia, and poster sessions, as well as the social events, which make for excellent networking opportunities. St. Louis is a vibrant Midwest city and has many fun and exciting attractions to entertain a wide variety of interests. We invite you to visit many of these venues during your stay.

Again, welcome to the joint Midwest/Great Lakes Regional Meeting. We hope you find the meeting to be personally enjoyable and professionally rewarding. Thanks for coming.

Best wishes,

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