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Dear MWRM/GLRM 2011 Participants:

On behalf of the more than 163,000 members of the American Chemical Society, I am pleased to extend greetings to the attendees of the 46th Midwest and 39th Great Lakes Joint Regional ACS Meeting in St. Louis, Missouri.

I am especially pleased that Dr. Leah O'Brien, General Chair, and the meeting organizers have selected "Solutions for a Changing World: Celebrating the International Year of Chemistry" as the theme for this event – this is our chance to increase the public appreciation of chemistry, to encourage interest in chemistry among young people, and to generate enthusiasm for the creative future of chemistry. Technical programming and topical symposia have been chosen carefully to support this theme. Please take this opportunity to interact with your colleagues and to discuss developments taking place in your field.

While you're here, I do hope that you are able to take the opportunity to fully explore the interesting complement of symposia, workshops, and special sessions, attend the many social events, visit the exhibits, and take advantage of the greater St. Louis area's many attractions.

I am grateful to our many volunteers, especially our hosts, the Saint Louis Section (Midwest Region), the Wabash Valley Section (Great Lakes Region), the Organizing Committee, and the other 36 participating sections of the Midwest and Great Lakes regions – representing almost 18,600 members – for their hard work and dedication to create an intellectually stimulating and personally enjoyable experience here in St. Louis.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy B. Jackson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Nancy B. Jackson, Ph.D.  
President  
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