

Web alert

Mixing with society

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This month, the Web alert focuses on the web sites of some of the societies related to chemistry and/or biology. Many of the sites share common features; they all tell you something about the society and how to become a member, and many of them also have some useful links especially tailored for members.

Some of the facilities available from the society web pages are summarized in the table below. The journals of many societies are available online, either in full text format or as abstracts, linked through the society home page. A directory of society members, if searchable, can be a very useful place to begin looking for a colleague's contact details and the directory of the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (<http://www.faseb.org/cgi-bin/Soc-Dir>) is a particularly good place to start. Often, societies have a job site and information about grants and funding. As well as publicizing their own meetings,

some societies have a page of general meetings that may be of interest to their members (similar to the *Chemistry & Biology* Calendar page).

Worth a mention is a feature of the American Chemical Society's web site — the ChemCenter. From ChemCenter, you can link to all the ACS publications, Chemical Abstracts and search a 'chemcyclopedia'. You can also send one of several greetings cards to a colleague, including one that invites the recipient to 'Experiment with a Chemist'. Why not surprise someone?

Society URLs

Society	URL	Meetings calendar	Society's meetings	Jobs	Funding	Search members	Search web site	On-line journals
American Association for the Advancement of Science	http://www.aaas.org/	+	+	+	-	-	+	<i>Science</i>
American Chemical Society	http://www.acs.org/	+	+	+	-	+	-	<i>Chem & Eng News</i> <i>Biochemistry</i>
American Peptide Society	http://www.chem.umn.edu/orgs/ampepsoc/	+	+	+	+	+	-	<i>J Peptide Res</i>
American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology	http://www.faseb.org/asbmb/asbmb.html	+	+	-	+	+	-	<i>J Biol Chem</i>
American Society for Cell Biology	http://www.faseb.org/ascb/	-	+	-	-	-	-	<i>Mol Cell Biol</i>
Biochemical Society	http://www.biochemsoc.org.uk/	+	+	-	+	-	+	<i>Biochem J</i>
European Chemical Society	http://ecs.tu-bs.de/ecs	+	-	+	-	-	-	-
European Molecular Biology Organisation	http://www.embl-heidelberg.de/ExternallInfo/embo/	-	-	-	+	-	-	<i>EMBO J</i>
Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology	http://www.faseb.org/	+	+	+	-	+	-	<i>FASEB J</i>
Federation of European Biochemical Societies	http://ntbiomol.unibe.ch/febs/	+	+	-	+	-	-	<i>Eur J Biochem</i> <i>FEBS Lett</i>
National Academy of Sciences	http://www2.nas.edu/nas/	-	+	-	-	+	+	<i>Proc Natl Acad Sci</i>
New York Academy of Sciences	http://www.nyas.org/	-	+	-	-	-	+	<i>Ann NY Acad Sci</i>
The Protein Society	http://www.faseb.org/protein/	-	+	+	+	-	-	<i>Protein Sci</i>
Royal Society	http://www.royalsoc.ac.uk/	-	+	-	+	-	-	-
Royal Society of Chemistry	http://www.rsc.org/	+	+	+	-	+	-	-

+, available; -, unavailable.