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# High School Chemistry Day

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**H**igh School Chemistry Day will be held on April 14, 1996, at the Moscone Convention Center in San Francisco, California. This event is held biannually as part of the Division of Chemical Education's activities at national American Chemical Society Meetings. The organizer of the San Francisco program, Robert Zafran, briefly describes its purpose and organization and invites all interested parties to attend.

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For several years High School Chemistry Day has been a formal part of the American Chemical Society's (ACS's) Chemical Education Division program at National ACS Meetings. This event, dedicated to teaching at the secondary-school level, consists of discussion panels, presentations, laboratory activities, and workshops devoted to both professional and educational topics of concern to high school chemistry teachers.

The event is usually sponsored by chemistry-related industries and organizations and coordinated by a local chemistry

educator, who is responsible for the organization, program content, and facilities. Often, an area college or high school provides facilities, such as laboratories, computers, and Internet access. Presenters include professional chemists, educators, and the providers of chemistry education materials. Some of the topics presented during the last two High School Chemistry Days, which were held in concert with the 210<sup>th</sup> (Chicago) and 211<sup>th</sup> (New Orleans) ACS National Meetings, are listed below.

- Calculator-Based Laboratories (CBLs) for Chemistry
- Emerging Technologies for High School Chemistry
- Forensic Chemistry: Applications for High School Classes
- Internet-Based Resources for High School Chemistry
- Classroom Demonstrations (Talesnick, et al.)

The day always begins with a keynote speaker.

As the High School Day event coordinator for the 213<sup>th</sup> National ACS Meeting (San Francisco, CA), I would like to invite you to attend High School Day, which will be held at the Moscone Convention Center on April 14, 1997. We expect to have an exciting program. The keynote speaker will be Dr. John Moore, the Editor Elect of *The Journal of Chemical Education*. Please check announcements for this and other upcoming High School Days on the ACS Web site (<http://www.acs.org>) under national meetings, or in future issues of the *Division of Chemical Education Newsletter*, the *Journal of Chemical Education*, or other local and regional chemical education publications.

Presenters and sponsors are needed for future High School Day events. Please contact the author (by email at [rzafran@ix.netcom.com](mailto:rzafran@ix.netcom.com) or in writing at the address above) for more information. I hope to see you in San Francisco or at a future High School Chemistry Day session.