



# Newsletter

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Welcome to the February Coblentz Society newsletter! Let's get started.....

~Savitha Panikar, Newsletter Editor

## **President's message**

*Submitted by Zac Schultz, Society President*

Greetings Coblentz Society! The year is quickly getting moving and activities are picking up.

Pittcon is next month in Philadelphia. In addition to presenting the Williams-Wright Award to Craig Prater and the associated award symposium, several members are presenting short courses, and we are looking into some kind of Coblentz member event (editor's note – see Pittcon section below). Keep your eyes on your email as we figure out how we can bring our members together at this spring meeting.

Following Pittcon, there is a symposium at the spring ACS meeting in Indianapolis on “Bridging the Gap: Using Gas-Phase and Cluster Studies to Model the Dynamics of Complex Systems” that we are sponsoring. If you are planning to attend this meeting, we encourage you to check out this session. Also, if you are organizing a meeting on a topic supported by the Coblentz Society, let us know. We want to support our members.

Congratulations to Wei Xiong (UCSD) on being named the 2023 Coblentz Award winner. We are excited to celebrate his accomplishments. In addition to congratulating the winner, I also want to thank all the people who take time to nominate candidates, write letters in support, and serve on the selection committees. There is a lot of work that goes into awards, by the winners to distinguish themselves and by those who volunteer to recognize the awardees. I appreciate all the efforts involved.

We are trying to build on recent successes. We plan to continue the graduate student research exchanges, “Elevator talk Zoom Symposium”, in collaboration with New England and NY/NJ SAS sections. These are great ways for students to network and share their research. Please stay tuned for future announcements regarding these events.

There is a lot going on in the next couple months, and I hope to see members at some of these events. Please feel free to let me know how the Society is doing. I continue to invite anyone interested in becoming more involved in the Society to reach out to me or one of our board members. I look forward to keeping everyone informed about the Society's activities in the coming months.

## **Welcome to our new members!**

### ***Regular:***

Natalie Belsey (National Physical Laboratory)

Dimitrios Tsikritsis (National Physical Laboratory)

## **2023 Student Awards - Nomination Deadline: February 28, 2023!!**

The Coblentz Society is still continuing to accept nominations for the 2023 Coblentz Student Awards and William G. Fateley Award, but there is only one day left! Get those nomination packages ready for outstanding students in vibrational spectroscopy and send them out soon. For details, go to the Society website (<https://www.coblentz.org/awards/>).

## **2023 Coblentz Award Announcement**

It is the Society's pleasure to announce that **Wei Xiong** is the 2023 winner of the Coblentz Award. The Coblentz Award is presented annually to an outstanding young molecular spectroscopist under the age of 40. This award is the Society's original award (first awarded in 1964). Wei is Professor of Chemistry and



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