



Newsletter

May 2022

Hello all, happy May! Welcome to this month's newsletter. This month is relatively silent with respect to announcements and happenings, hence the brevity of this newsletter. Students - do read on for an exciting event hosted jointly by the Coblentz Society and the Society for Applied Spectroscopy (SAS).

~Savitha Panikar, Newsletter Editor

President's Message

Contributed by Zac Schultz

One of the enjoyable parts of being the Coblentz Society President is presenting awards recognizing accomplishment in Vibrational Spectroscopy. In April, **Paul Pudney** was recognized as the Williams-Wright Awardee. In June, **Sandra Luber** will be awarded the 2021 Coblentz Award. At SciX in October, **Wei Min** will be recognized as this year's Clara Craver Award winner and **Martin Zanni** will be recognized as the Lippincott Award recipient. While it is cool to honor these individuals, it takes a lot of work behind the scenes to make awards happen. It all starts with nominations. If you have a colleague that you think is deserving of recognition, please consider nominating them. The different awards administered by the Coblentz Society can be found here: <https://www.coblentz.org/awards/>.

In addition to nominations, each of our awards has a separate selection committee. I appreciate the careful thought and time put in by our members to choose the individuals that we feel best represent our various awards. Serving on our award committees is a great way to get involved and learn more about the efforts of individuals in our community. Please feel free to contact me if you are interested in serving on these committees.

As the summer approaches, I want to highlight a few upcoming events:

The Society is looking forward to our second Joint SAS-Coblentz Virtual Student meeting May 26th, the abstract submission form can be found [here](#). This is a great way for students to share their research, and we are looking to incorporate the winners into upcoming conference symposia. In addition to students, we encourage more experienced members to tune in and see what the future of vibrational spectroscopy looks like.

The International Symposium on Molecular Spectroscopy (ISMS) is being held June 20-24. In addition to presenting the Coblentz Award and a plenary lecture by the awardee, there is Coblentz Society sponsored

contributed session. More details are available later in the newsletter. Conference information is also available at <http://isms.illinois.edu/>.

The deadline for oral abstracts at SciX 2022 is May 16th. Posters will be accepted until August 1st. This should be a great conference in Covington, KY, just across the river from Cincinnati, OH. SciX is a great place to catch up with Society members and the Craver Award will be presented. More info is available here: <https://scixconference.org/>.

As always, I welcome input and suggestions of things you would like to see our Society involved in.

Welcome to our new members!

Regular

Justin Morrow (Thermo Fisher Scientific)

Mirella Vargas (Southwest Research Institute)

Student

Konnor Jones (University of Oregon)

Faruk Mayere (University of Lincoln)

Spring SciX 2022 Conference

The recently held Spring SciX meeting was a success! Some of the meeting attendees (who were also members of the organizing committee) compiled a report which was uploaded onto the host university's website. Besides providing some highlights of the meeting, the attendees share their experiences of the various events that were held. They also mention why Liverpool was selected for the conference venue! The report can be found [here](#).

Spectroscopy Conference Grants

The Coblenz Society will be awarding travel grants to eligible Society members for spectroscopy conferences held in fall/winter 2022 to support registration and/or travel expenses. Additionally, childcare grants are also available for parents interested in attending such conferences. The deadline for submitting applications for the SciX 2022 meeting is August 15th. Details can be found [here](#).

NYSAS / NESAS – Coblenz-hosted Student “Elevator Talk” Research Presentations

The New York section of SAS, in cooperation with the New England section of SAS and the Coblenz Society, is pleased to announce the second joint Student meeting of the Coblenz Society highlighting short ("Elevator talk") student presentations of their research. The virtual meeting will be held Thursday May 26, 2022, at 12:00 noon EDT. This will be an on-line meeting; details are provided on the Coblenz website under [News & Events](#). The link for the zoom meeting will be made available at a later date and will be posted on the Coblenz website.

75th International Symposium on Molecular Spectroscopy (ISMS)

The Coblenz Society is excited to be renewing our long-standing participation in the ISMS conference. Many may remember this conference from its origin as the “The Ohio State Meeting.” In 2014,

the meeting moved to the University of Illinois where it has continued. Now in its 75th incarnation, it has become a "...premier annual meeting in this exciting and interdisciplinary field".

This conference has long been the venue for the presentation of the Coblentz Award, the original award presented by the Society. The Award is presented annually to an outstanding young molecular spectroscopist under the age of 40. Due to COVID, the 2021 Coblentz Award will be presented this summer at ISMS to Prof. Dr. Sandra Luber (ETH Zurich) for her development and application of novel computational methods with a focus on absorption and vibrational spectroscopy. The award presentation and plenary lecture are scheduled for the Thursday late morning plenary session.

This year the Coblentz Society is also sponsoring a contributed oral session on vibrational spectroscopy. Several Coblentz Society members will present, and the session will be chaired by the current Coblentz Society President, Zac Schultz. The Coblentz Session is scheduled for Wednesday morning with 11 talks across topics spanning Raman, SERS, infrared spectroscopy, and imaging. It looks to be an exciting session.

The Coblentz booth will also be on display in the vendor exposition, where we hope to answer questions and connect with other Society members. Coblentz Society merchandise will be available, including t-shirts bearing our new logo.

For more information about the ISMS conference, please check out the conference website: <http://isms.illinois.edu/>. Regular registration is still available.

T-Shirts!!!

As part of the Society's rebranding effort, new t-shirts have been produced. Visit the Society's store to purchase yours now. And don't miss out on our old merchandise – check out our store for discounted prices while supplies last! As always, shipping is free for members.

In closing

Thanks for reading! Hopefully, everyone is making plans to attend ISMS and/or SciX.

~ Savitha Panikar & Mary Carrabba