



Newsletter

November 2022

Hello all and welcome to the very late November newsletter! Our Newsletter Editor, Savitha Panikar, has been swamped, as most of us are these days, so I'm filling in at the last minute. For those of you, like me, who couldn't attend EAS 2022, we certainly missed out on a lot of Coblentz member activity. The organizers put up a great lineup of technical sessions and networking events including Speed Mentoring and a Monday night reception/dinner to honor our EAS-Award-winning members **Richard Crocombe** and **Rohit Bargava**. I personally want to recognize graduate students **Chelsea Goetzman** and **Alexis Weber** who went far above and beyond in their support of the Society during EAS. Not only did they set up and run the booth for most of the conference (which I hear included a malfunctioning "smart" monitor), but they also ran the Speed Mentoring event and set up the Monday night reception. These young women are to be commended! To quote our past-president, Ellen Miseo, "EAS would have been a major failure if these two hadn't been there!" Thank you, Alexis and Chelsea!

~Mary Carrabba, Society Office Manager

President's message

Submitted by Zac Schultz, Society President

For our U.S. members, I hope everyone was able to enjoy the Thanksgiving holiday. For others, I hope your team is doing well in the World Cup. If neither of these things apply to you, I hope you are just doing well. This past month has seen several events in which the Coblentz Society has participated.

EAS was earlier this month. Congratulations again to **Rohit Bhargava** and **Richard Crocombe** on winning awards. Thank you to all who participated in speed mentoring at EAS. A special thanks to **Jim Rydzak** for organizing and to **Chelsea Goetzman** who ran the event in Jim's absence.

In addition to EAS, the Coblentz Society also financially sponsored the TERS-8 meeting in Paris. This edition of the meeting was the first since the pandemic and brought together the nanoscale Raman imaging community from most of the world. Shown below are a few Coblentz members enjoying the conference or with the Paris skyline in the background. TERS-9 was decided to be in Brazil in 2024, sounds like a meeting worth going to.



For those who are unaware, the Coblenz Society has budgeted funds to support meetings relevant to our membership. In addition to TERS-8, we sponsored the Vibrational Spectroscopy Gordon Research Conference this past year. These are in addition to meetings where we present Awards (e.g., Pittcon, ISMS, SciX, and EAS). If you are organizing a meeting that impacts the mission of the Coblenz Society and would like sponsorship, please contact us.

As we head into the holiday season, I hope everyone can find time to relax. I am looking forward to representing the Coblenz Society at the IRDG Christmas Meeting. As a society, we want to include members both in the U.S. and abroad. I hope this is the beginning of regular collaborations between our two societies to further the appreciation of vibrational spectroscopy.

Elections will be held in the coming weeks, please watch for the ballot. Two new members will be elected to our Board of Managers. We are also electing the Society Secretary. As you consider your ballot, I would ask you to consider the diverse areas of vibrational spectroscopy and how the Coblenz Society can benefit these areas. As a society of volunteers, we need all areas to be represented. We also need participation, so I encourage you to vote.

We have great members, and I look forward to this next year of working with you.

Zac Schultz

Welcome to our new members!

Lifetime:

Johannes Kiefer (Universität Bremen) – membership level change

Regular:

George Affadu-Danful, (no affiliation given) – membership level change

Guy De Baere (New York Microscopical Society)

Keidra Douglas (no affiliation given)

Shruti Ghanekar (UL Research Institutes)

Martin Kimani (U.S. Food & Drug Administration)

Neal Kline (DEVCOM CBC)

Robert Kroutil (Kalman and Company)

Edward MacMillan (Society for Applied Spectroscopy)

Mariana Santos-Rivera (Mississippi State University) – membership level change

Student:

Cody Silverman (SUNY Albany)

Seeking Nominations - Student Awards

2023 Nomination Deadline: February 28, 2023

The Coblenz Society is currently accepting nominations for the 2023 Student Awards. It's time to start thinking about your outstanding students and getting their student award nomination packages together for next year's awards. For details, go to the Society website

[\(https://www.coblentz.org/awards/\)](https://www.coblentz.org/awards/).

Conference News –EAS 2022 in pictures!



Our heroes!
Alexis Weber (left) and Chelsea Goetzman (right)



Andrew Whitley belatedly presents the
SAS President's Award
to Ellen Miseo, our past-president

News from the Society Office

I'm sorry to have missed EAS this year. Welcome to those new members who joined the Society during the conference and thank you to those who renewed their memberships.

Lastly, the Board of Managers, although they meet monthly, will be holding their “official” meeting in December. The date has been changed to December 9th at 11:30 EST. Please send any items of business which you wish to be discussed to Zac Schultz and/or the Society office. If you wish to attend the teleconference, please contact the office for a Zoom invitation.

That’s all for this month – Happy Holidays and I hope to see many of you at Pittcon next year!

~ Mary Carrabba