

OKLAHOMA ACADEMY OF SCIENCE

2011 SPRING NEWSLETTER



Hello OAS Members and Friends.

You may use the following links to the OAS web page (<http://oas.uco.edu>) to find out the latest information about upcoming OAS events and activities. Please understand that some of the information listed below will be updated over the next several weeks, so check the web site periodically. **PLEASE NOTE: YOU MAY NEED TO HOLD DOWN THE 'CTRL' KEY AS YOU CLICK ON THE WEB SITE LINKS!**

From the OAS President

Dr. Ken Hobson comments about the changes associated with spring, including pending legislation directed at science. [Click here to read it.](#)

2011 OAS Officers & Council Members

Contact information for these officers and all other members of the 2011 OAS Executive Council, including section chairs and vice-chairs, has been posted on the web page. [Click here to view names and contact information.](#) You will notice there are still several sections that have no vice-chairs, so please contact the section chair and volunteer your services if that is of interest.

Publication of Papers in *POAS*

Please see the latest instructions and current deadlines for [submission of papers to POAS](#). Our 2010 volume of *POAS* is scheduled to be mailed to all 2010 OAS members very soon.

2010 Collegiate Academy Awards & Graduate Student Award Recipients

Congratulations to all students who presented a paper or poster at the 2010 Annual Technical Meeting at the Broken Arrow Campus of Northeastern State University and participated in the Oklahoma Collegiate Academy Competition. The winners and their research topics may be found by [clicking here](#). Special thanks are extended to Dr. Nick Cheper, OCAS Director, and Dr. Craig Clifford, OAS President-Elect, for organizing the judging of each category. Also, thanks are extended to all of those who served as judges for the presentations.

**American Association for the Advancement of Science / American Junior
Academy of Science Meetings**

The AJAS annual meeting was held in conjunction with the AAAS annual meeting in Washington, DC during mid-February. Dr. David Bass (OAS Executive Director, UCO) and Dr. Rahmona Thompson (OJAS Director, ECU) travelled to this meeting with the two top students from the 2010 OJAS meeting. These students included Onkur Sen (Oklahoma School of Science & Math) and Nick Shepherd (Miami HS). [Click here for the rest of the story and photos](#).

2011 OJAS State Meeting

The OJAS State Meeting is scheduled for March 24-26 at East Central University in Ada. Judges are needed to evaluate secondary school student papers and presentations on March 24-25. It is quite interesting and stimulating to see these talented young scientists discuss their research endeavors. *All food and lodging is provided to the judges and your help would be greatly appreciated.* Contact OJAS Director Dr. Rahmona Thompson (rthompsn@ecok.edu) and [click here](#) for additional information.

2011 OAS Spring Field Meeting

This will be held at Murray Lake State Park on April 8-10. [Click here for meeting information](#).

Special field trip to Noble Foundation

The Spring Field Meeting will feature a rare Molecular Biology oriented field trip (morning only). Participants will ride (a few drivers needed) to the Samuel Roberts Noble Foundation in Ardmore. They will be introduced to the overall research activities of the Foundation, visit a laboratory exploring fast forward genetics to understand plant-bacterial interactions, and have a tour of the Foundation's first-class greenhouse facilities. Thanks to Dr. Ulrich Melcher for arranging this excursion.

2011 OAS Technical Meeting

OAS will meet for its next Annual Technical Meeting at Southeastern Oklahoma State University in Durant on Friday, 4 November 2011. Dr. Tim Patton has volunteered to serve as the local meeting coordinator. Additional meeting information will be described in the fall newsletter and posted on the web page as the date approaches (probably early in September).

OAS Facebook Fan Page

President-Elect Ken Hobson has developed a Facebook Fan Page for OAS and hopes many people who use Facebook will be interested in joining. [Click here to join](#). If you have photos from recent meetings, send them to Ken so they may be posted.

Consider Leaving a Portion of Your Estate to the Academy

Have you thought about how you will be remembered by future generations? Please consider leaving something from your estate to the Academy. Both OAS and OJAS have benefited greatly from generous individuals, such as Mr. Jimmie Pigg, Dr. Larry Magrath, Dr. Paul Buck, and Dr. Kathleen Donovan, who left portions of their estate to our academies. These contributions have come in the form of cash, insurance policies, royalties, memorial donations, etc. Donations of these kinds are placed into accounts where the principle is never spent; only the interest is used and it mostly goes to support student awards. These gifts make a difference in the lives of many young scientists. Contact Dr. David Bass (dbass@uco.edu) for additional information.