

Nor Cal SETAC Newsletter



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THE NORCAL SETAC 2008 ANNUAL MEETING A SUCCESS!



(Judy Nedoff, Board President, speaking at the Annual Meeting evening social)

The theme of the Annual Meeting was ***Environmental Stewardship in the Context of Climate Change: Physical, Chemical, Biological, and Social Forces***, and the plenary speakers, Ken Caldeira, Cymie Payne, Steve Goldbeck, and Robert Coats, gave outstanding talks.

One hundred thirteen people attended the Annual Meeting: thirty-eight from state and federal agency staff; thirty-four from industry or consulting; thirteen from NGOs; ten from municipalities; and eighteen from academia, including eight students. Forty-five people attended the evening social, where students were awarded for their presentations and posters.

This year's poster winners were: **Susan Brander** in first place, **Erica McKenzie** in second place, and

Jennifer Brennan in third place. This year's platform winners were: **Johanna Rochester** in first place, **Brant Jorgenson** in second place, and **Kristin Robrock** in third place.

Congratulations to the winners and thank you to everyone who made the meeting a fantastic event.



SETAC NORTH AMERICA 2008 ANNUAL MEETING NOVEMBER 16-20, 2008 TAMPA, FLORIDA

SETAC North America is having its Annual Meeting November 16-20 at the Tampa Convention Center in Tampa, Florida. The meeting's theme is, ***Environmental Stewardship: Integrating Science and Management***, and it will prove to be a fun and informative meeting.

Short courses begin on Sunday November 16th and include: Modeling Fate and Effects of the Pollutants with AQUATOX Release 3; Ecological and Economic Concepts and Methods for Scaling Restoration;

Advanced Mass Spectrometric Analysis for Endocrine Disruptors and Pharmaceuticals in the Environment; and Environmental Fate and Effects of Emerging Contaminants.

Monday through Thursday are full days of platform sessions with concurrent poster sessions. A student career/mentor event will be held on the evening of November 17th.

The Special Symposia feature Approaches for Effective Ecological Restoration Monitoring; POPs: The Next Generation; Putting the Eco in Ecotoxicology: Special Session Dedicated to John Cairns, Jr., and Confronting the Life-Cycle Impacts and Benefits of Biofuels.

NorCal SETAC members will want to attend the chapter meeting, which will be held in Room 2 from noon to 1:00 PM on November 18th. Also, make sure to catch presentations from NorCal SETAC Board Members, Judy Nedoff, Beckye Stanton, Susan Klosterhaus, and David Ostrach. Regional Chapters booth when it will be staffed by NorCal SETAC Board members on Wednesday from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM and meet fellow SETAC members from our region. See you there!

(For more information on the SETAC North America Annual Meeting, see: <http://www.setac.org/tampa/>)

**NORCAL SETAC DINNER EVENT
FEATURING GREEN CHEMISTRY
UC BERKELEY
OCTOBER 28, 2008 6:30 PM**

On Tuesday October 28th, NorCal SETAC will host a dinner meeting featuring *Green Chemistry: The Environment, Sustainability and the Future of Chemical Science and Policy in California*.

The meeting will be held at UC Berkeley, 114 Morgan Hall, and it begins at 6:30 PM (the program begins at 7:30 PM).

Dr. Megan Schwarzman and Dr. Michael Wilson will discuss the nation's current policy landscape for chemicals and the implications for environmental testing. They will also propose solutions to address this cornerstone of sustainability.

Dr. Schwarzman is a research scientist with the UC Berkeley School of Public Health, Program in Green Chemistry and Chemicals Policy. Her work focuses on U.S. and European chemical policy, emerging chemical hazards and implications for human health and the environment, as well as how chemicals are used and disposed of.

Dr. Wilson is a research scientist with the UC Berkeley School of Public Health, Program in Green Chemistry and Chemicals Policy. His work spans research and practice in chemicals policy, exposure assessment, occupational safety and health, and sustainable production.

The cost is \$25 for members; \$35 for non-members, and \$5 for students.

For more information on the NorCal SETAC dinner meeting on green chemistry, go to our web page: <http://www.norcalsetac.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=events.detail&id=2216>.

**ANNOUNCING: NORCAL SETAC
2009 ANNUAL MEETING
UC DAVIS
MAY 20 – 21, 2009**



We are happy to announce dates for our 2009 Annual Meeting—Wednesday May 20th and Thursday May 21st at Freeborn Hall, UC Davis.

The theme of the 2009 meeting is: *A Fish-Eye View of Bay-Delta System Challenges: Clear Sailing or Muddy Waters?*

A number of short courses will be offered, and the Board is already planning the plenary session. Stay tuned for requests for abstracts for platform presentations and posters, as well as registration deadlines.



A TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL MILLER

Michael John Miller lost his courageous battle with cancer on Friday, Aug. 1, 2008. He was 51.

He is the adored husband of Catherine (Sass); loving father to his son Jacob; and beloved brother to Jeff (wife Kimberley); Greg (wife BJ); Mark (wife Shelley); Marianne (husband Donny Martin); Patty (husband Darrell Plemons) and Jane Montgomery (Bruce Scott). He is mourned and celebrated also by Uncle Sam Miller, in-laws Ginni Gordy and Sam Neely; Ashley and Gayle Glines; Peg and Cliff King; David and Lisa

Glines; Barbara Keough; Susan and Rod Gerling; numerous nieces, nephews and countless friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Mary and Loren Miller of Red Bluff.

Mike was very proud of his upbringing, working the family ranches in Red Bluff and Fort Klamath, Oregon, until they were sold. He then went on to manage several hatchery facilities for Lassen Trout Farm before going into business with his brother Jeff at AQUA-Science, an aquatic toxicology firm in Davis. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree at University of California, Davis, graduating magna-cum-laude, while working at AQUA-Science. Mike was a devoted husband and father, dedicated scientist and avid fisherman. He loved to read, mine for gold and take his family camping and fishing.

Donations in Mike's honor may be given to Baykeepers, the National Cancer Society, or Recreational Alliance.

Upcoming for NorCal SETAC Members:

- **Vote on By-laws**
- **Vote on Your NorCal SETAC Board of Directors**

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