

Dear 19<sup>th</sup>ISFC-ISoFT'09 Attendee:

On behalf of the American Chemical Society Division of Fluorine Chemistry, thank you for your interest in participating in the 19<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Fluorine Chemistry including ISoFT'09 (19<sup>th</sup>ISFC-ISoFT'09), which will be held August 23–28, 2009, in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. More than 450 attendees from all areas of fluorine chemistry and fluorous technology are expected to attend this five-day scientific meeting, the primary purpose of which is the dissemination of scientific research among chemical practitioners. In addition, a number of companies will showcase their latest products and services at the Wednesday morning Breakfast/Poster Session/Exposition located in Jackson Lake Lodge.

We would be delighted to have you join us at 19<sup>th</sup>ISFC-ISoFT'09. Personal invitations are not necessary to attend. All International and European Symposia on Fluorine Chemistry are open scientific events for all persons who pay the necessary registration fee and otherwise conform to the International Steering Committee's meeting bylaws. This year's 19<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Fluorine Chemistry, coupled with the 3<sup>rd</sup> International Symposium on Fluorous Technologies, has been announced to the scientific community through publication of the call for papers in the American Chemical Society (ACS) official publication *Chemical & Engineering News* (January 19, 2009 issue or <http://pubs.acs.org/isubscribe/journals/cen/87/i03/html/8703meetings3.html>) as well as in other circulars distributed by the Organizing Committee and on the conference website at <http://www.chm.colostate.edu/shs/19isfc.htm>.

The ACS is not able provide financial support to meeting participants other than whatever financial commitments have been made by the 19<sup>th</sup>ISFC-ISoFT'09 Organizing Committee. Airfare, ground transportation, hotel, meals, travel insurance, and any other necessary expenses are the responsibility of each individual meeting participant.

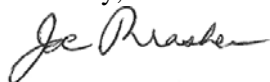
Procedures for the Visa Waiver Program (VWP), which enables citizens of certain countries to travel to the United States for tourism or business for 90 days or less without obtaining a visa, were changed in January 2009. Every visitor traveling under the VWP must register under the Electronic System for Travel Authorization (ESTA) 72 hours in advance of travel. Please see the ACS International Activities website at [www.acs.org/international](http://www.acs.org/international) or visit [http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/travel/id\\_visa/esta/](http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/travel/id_visa/esta/) (the U.S. State Department Website) at for more information about the new VWP procedures.

If you are not eligible for the Visa Waiver Program, it is important that you determine the appropriate visa category for travel. Please see the ACS International Activities website at [www.acs.org/international](http://www.acs.org/international) for more information.

If you need to apply for a temporary non-immigrant visa to attend 19<sup>th</sup>ISFC-ISoFT'09, you are advised to apply as soon as possible and not later than 3-4 months in advance of the meeting date. All applicants must be able to qualify for a visa on their own merits under the requirements of the Immigration and Nationality Act. The ACS cannot intervene with the U.S. State Department or an American embassy in another country on behalf of any meeting participant. You can submit this letter with your visa application to verify the name, dates, location and purpose of the 19<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Fluorine Chemistry combined with ISoFT'09. However, we are unable to call or generate personal letters to the embassy or consulate on your behalf. A separate, personalized letter can be generated for meeting presenters by contacting one of the conference Co-Chairs (see below), and they can verify whether your scientific paper has been accepted for presentation at the conference. Meeting registration, abstract submission, and lodging reservations have already opened, and thus, once you have registered for the meeting, you can bring your registration confirmation paperwork to your visa interview.

Additional meeting information, including visa application resources and the document *Tips for International Registrants*, can be found on the conference website, <http://www.chm.colostate.edu/shs/19isfc.htm>, as well as on the ACS website under national meetings (e.g., [www.acs.org/saltlakecity2009](http://www.acs.org/saltlakecity2009)). We look forward to welcoming you to Jackson Hole in August and to your participation in the 19<sup>th</sup>ISFC-ISoFT'09.

Sincerely,



Joseph S. Thrasher, Chair  
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