

ACS logo updated

ACS's familiar diamond-shaped emblem with a phoenix rising from flames has been modernized and redesigned so that it can be reproduced more clearly in a variety of sizes. The graphic elements of the original emblem have been retained, but they have been streamlined and simplified.

The society already has begun using the redesigned emblem on some items and anticipates that various society units, such as local sections, will begin using the new logo when their supplies of materials featuring the old logo are depleted.

The ACS logo dates back to 1908, when a special committee was appointed to consider a design. The committee solicited design suggestions from several companies, and one proposed by Tiffany & Co. was accepted, with some modifications.

The emblem so chosen is described in Article I, Section 4, of the ACS constitution: "The society's insignia shall be square with one of the points forming the top and another the bottom of the emblem; the upper half of the square so placed, triangular in shape, shall



contain the figure of a phoenix rising from the flame, typical of chemical activity and of the birth of new substance through the energy of chemical change; the lower half of the square shall contain the letters ACS and a small Liebig bulb. When used in the form of a pin, the insignia shall be finished with cobalt blue enamel and gold."

The Liebig bulb appearing in the emblem's lower half was developed by German chemist Baron Justus von Liebig (1803-73) as a condenser for distillations. He became well-known for his research on the benzoyl radical, fermentation, fertilizers, uric acid, and other compounds. □

Call for nominations

The ACS Division of Biological Chemistry is soliciting nominations for the 1988 Eli Lilly Award in Biological Chemistry, the Pfizer Award in Enzyme Chemistry, and the Repligen Corp. Award in Chemistry of Biological Processes.

Eli Lilly Award in Biological Chemistry: Nominee shall have accomplished outstanding research in biological chemistry of unusual merit and of unusual independence of thought and originality. Nominee shall not have passed the 38th birthday by April 30, 1988, and shall be actively engaged in the line of research for which the award is made. This prize cannot be made to a person who received another award sponsored by Eli Lilly & Co. for the same technical accomplishment.

Pfizer Award in Enzyme Chemistry: Nominee shall have accomplished outstanding work in en-

zyme chemistry where the presence of enzyme action is unequivocally demonstrated. The nominee shall be engaged in noncommercial work and shall not have passed the 40th birthday by April 30, 1988. This prize cannot be made to a person who received another award sponsored by Pfizer Inc. for the same technical accomplishment.

Repligen Corp. Award in Chemistry of Biological Processes: Nominees shall have made outstanding contributions to the understanding of the chemistry of biological processes, with particular emphasis on structure, function, and mechanism. There are no restrictions on age or membership affiliation for the Repligen Award.

Send the curriculum vitae of the candidate with a list of publications and a letter explaining the special achievements of the candidate. Additional letters of support for the candidate are desirable. All materials should be sent by May 1 to: Jack

Peisach, Department of Molecular Pharmacology, Albert Einstein College of Medicine, 1300 Morris Park Ave., Bronx, N.Y. 10461. □

Trip to China

The American Institute of Chemists is offering an 18-day scientific exchange visit to China, scheduled to depart from San Francisco Sept. 23. There will be scientific exchanges with Chinese chemists in both informal and formal sessions. Participants are expected to prepare an abstract or outline of a presentation. The major focus is on polymer chemistry. For information and registration forms write David A. H. Roethel, AIC, 7315 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda, Md. 20814, or phone (301) 652-2447. Deadline for applications and abstracts is April 15. □

Call for papers

The Inorganic Chemistry Division, through its Solid State Subdivision, will be organizing a symposium on the chemistry of inorganic superconductors at the ACS fall meeting in New Orleans, Aug. 30 to Sept. 4. Contributed papers are invited, and should be submitted on the standard ACS abstract form to M. Stanley Whittingham, Chairman ACS Solid State Subdivision, Schlumberger, Old Quarry Rd., Ridgefield, Conn. 06877-4108, (203) 431-5000. Deadline for receipt of abstracts is April 3. For any additional information, contact Whittingham or Ken Poeppelmeier, Department of Chemistry, Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill. 60201, (312) 491-3505. □

Reminder to members

In accord with an ACS policy on a grace period for unrenewed ACS journals and C&EN, ACS cannot continue to send C&EN and journals after March 31 to those members whose 1987 dues and subscriptions are not paid by March 31, 1987. If you have any questions about your dues bill, please call (614) 421-3776. To charge your payment by phone, call (202) 872-8070.