



Memorandum

To: Chemistry Educator

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U.S. National Chemistry Olympiad (USNCO), South Florida Section of the ACS

Subject: 2009 USNCO Program

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(If you think you have received this in error, please pass this on to your school Principal or a Chemistry teacher)

Greetings on behalf of the Executive body of the South Florida Section of the American Chemical Society (SoFL-ACS). We would like to thank you for your continued effort in promoting science literacy and excellence. The USNCO seeks to support achievement in high school chemistry and to identify and recognize our nation's most outstanding high school chemistry students and teachers. Your dedication in this process is highly appreciated.

International Chemistry Olympiad will be held this year in Cambridge, England on July 18-27, 2009. A team of four students will be selected after several stages of testing to compete on behalf of the USNCO at this international Chemistry Olympiad. SoFlacs administers two levels of tests and selects participants for participation in the training camp. The Local Qualifier exam (two hours, multiple-choice) will be held on Saturday, March 7th starting at 9:00 am at Nova Southeastern University, main campus in Davie. We are also in the process of selecting a satellite testing location in Palm Beach, one in Miami Dade and one the west coast. Details will be posted soon on the website <http://soflacs.org>. Based on the performance on this local test, we will select the top eleven students to participate in the national exam which will be held on Saturday, April 25th on Nova Southeastern University, Davie campus. The schedule and directions are available at the SoFlacs website. Details on how to prepare for the exam, a bank of past exams, and the other relevant information are available at the ACS website <http://chemistry.org> (search for USNCO) or more specifically at http://portal.acs.org/portal/acs/corg/content?nfpb=true&pageLabel=PP_ARTICLEMAIN&node_id=1019&content_id=CTP_006143&use_sec=true&sec_url_var=region1

If you would like for your students to participate in this competition, please send me the names of potential participants to me at shanbhag@nova.edu. If you have any questions, you can contact me by e-mail or by phone at (954) 262-8331.