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2013 Science Across Borders International Meeting

Sigma Xi President, [Kelly O. Sullivan](#) and fellow co-chair, [Hans B. Püttgen](#) of the Energy Center, EPFL cordially invite you to attend a two-day science meeting in Lausanne, Switzerland this summer.

Beginning on June 4th, Sigma Xi is hosting a "Science Across Borders," a meeting that will bring together interested students, professional scientists, Sigma Xi members, and the public. This two day event will feature sessions focusing on international science efforts as they apply to development, diplomacy, technology and peace-building. There will also be evening events that take advantage of the beautiful surroundings of EPFL and Lausanne, Switzerland.



Among the featured speakers, Sigma Xi is excited to include Romain Murenzi, the Executive Director of the Academies of Science for the Developing World; Dr. Bernard Amadei, the founder of Engineers without Borders; Dr. [Alice Gast](#), current President of Lehigh University and a Science Envoy; Dr. [E. William Colglazier](#), Science and Technology Adviser to former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton; and [Sheldon Himelfarb](#) of the U.S. Institute for Peace.

We hope you will consider joining us for this insightful discussion on the future of science and engineering on the international level.

Click [here](#) for more information or Click [here](#) to register.

Call for Nominations for Sigma Xi Society Leadership

We are excited to announce that new leadership opportunities are now available for your Society. We are seeking qualified candidates for the following positions—do you have contacts or colleagues who would best fit the available positions? Don't forget—self-nominations are also welcome

Dates to Remember

- Jun 4 & 5, 2013- [Science Across Borders](#)
- Nov 8 & 9, 2013- [Student Research Conference](#)



Thank You!

We welcome any comments or concerns you may have as a member. For staff assistance, or to share your ideas, please e-mail Membership at membership@sigmaxi.org

We'll be looking forward to hearing from you!

Don't forget – self-nominations are also welcome.

If so, please let us know by contacting executiveoffice@sigmaxi.org today with a short CV of the nominee and a statement of their involvement in Sigma Xi.

All nominated parties will be vetted by the Nominations Committee.

Area Groups/Industries/State & Federal Laboratories Constituency (MI)
Position Open – Associate Director

Baccalaureate Colleges Constituency (BA)
Position Open – Nominations Committee

Canadian/International Constituency (CI)
Position Open – Nominations Committee

Comprehensive Colleges & Universities (CM)
Position Open – Associate Director, Nominations Committee

Research & Doctoral Universities (RD)
Position Open – Director

Mid-Atlantic Region (MA)
Position Open – Director

North Central Region (NC)
Position Open – Nominations Committee

Northwest Region (NW)
Position Open – Associate Director

Northeast Region (NE)
Position Open – Director

Southwest Region (SW)
Position Open – N/A

Southeast Region (SE)
Position Open – Associate Director

Membership At Large (MAL)
Position Open – Director

Nominations Committee:
President-Elect – July 1, 2014–June 30, 2015
Treasurer – July 1, 2014–June 30, 2018

2013 Student Research Showcase—The Results Are In!

This year's **virtual** Sigma Xi Student Research Showcase was an incredible success! We are proud to announce that more than 160 presentations were judged by more than 400 judges from around the world.

For more information on the student winners in each division and category, please follow the links below.

[2013 Student Showcase Results](#)

[2013 Student Presentations](#)

Be on the Lookout! Newly Redesigned Member Kits are on Their

BE ON THE LOOKOUT! Newly redesigned MEMBER KITS are ON THEIR Way to You!

Your Membership Team is excited to announce the distribution of a new Membership Kit—the first redesign in almost a decade. This new kit will be easier for you to read and use, and includes a durable Sigma Xi Membership Card for you to carry with pride!



Please keep an eye out for this smaller, lighter, more informative Membership Kit in your mailbox, and let us know if you do not receive it within 4-6 weeks after renewing your membership by emailing us at memberinfo@sigmaxi.org.

2013 Student Research Conference

Researchers in the new millennium must be prepared to communicate their work to a diverse audience and through varied media. On November 8 & 9, 2013, Sigma Xi will offer an opportunity for outstanding high school, undergraduate and graduate students to share their research with professional scientists and engineers at our Student Research Conference. Students present research posters and attend lectures, workshops and networking events at a traditional face to face meeting held in the Research Triangle Park, North Carolina.



More information can be found [online](#).

Dues & Rate Changes For Fiscal Year 2014 (July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014)

Please use the below rates when electing new initiates starting January 1, 2013

Membership Category	Dues & Fees in US\$
Regular	90.00
Student	25.00
Transitional *	45.00
Emeritus	60.00
Fees	
Initiate Promotion Fees	10.00
Initiation Fees	20.00
Subscription-print version of <i>American Scientist</i>	
Member subscription rate	20.00
Non-member subscription rate	30.00

* As a transition from student dues rate, members and associate members who have completed their degree program for the subsequent three years may

request a dues rate equivalent to half the regular member rate.

Sigma Xi's SmartBrief

Are you one of the more than 25,000 subscribers of *Sigma Xi's SmartBrief*? If not, consider signing up today and you'll receive the most important and timely news stories about scientific research developments directly to your inbox. Thanks to a link-based format, you can easily read these stories or share them with colleagues and friends via the social media platform of your choice. To join and receive *Sigma Xi's SmartBrief* today, visit [here](#).

The Society of Petroleum Engineers Survey

The Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE) is currently surveying for factors impacting employee retention as current employers are concerned about retention of skilled workers. When workers depart voluntarily, employers frequently ask why, but the responses are often less than completely honest. Large surveys like this one can assist by highlighting important demographic trends that can have a large impact on the attractiveness of an employer.

To that end, SPE is reaching out to societies and to alumni groups to gather information on why technical professionals change jobs or quit working. The survey has been designed to protect the identity of those participating, while providing important information to employers that can assist them in addressing practices that can lead to significant workforce attrition.

The link to the survey is [here](#) and will remain open through May 15, 2013. If this survey is applicable to you or your colleagues, we hope that you will consider participating. If you have any questions about the survey, please contact spereasearch@spe.org.

Meet Your Fellow Companions Series

The honor of membership into Sigma Xi spans disciplines and courses of research study. Each month in Sigma Xi Today and also in a special area of our website, we will be highlighting a different "Fellow Companion" and asking them about their work and what the honor of Sigma Xi has meant for their career.

To view our two newest interviews, please visit [here](#).

If you are interested in sharing your story with us, please contact Hallie Sessoms at hseessoms@sigmaxi.org today.

Subscribe to our YouTube Channel!

Are you active on YouTube? Be sure to subscribe to Sigma Xi's Channel today for great content from your fellow members and friends.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/sigmaxisociety>

Get Connected with Sigma Xi!

Did you know that Sigma Xi headquarters is currently on Facebook, Twitter and currently hosts an incredibly active group on LinkedIn?

Facebook: www.facebook.com/sigmaxi

Twitter: www.twitter.com/sigmaxisociety

Please be sure to follow us through these social media channels for up-to-date information regarding events, chapter news and interesting scientific news stories.

Is your chapter interested in creating a social media presence? We can help.

We have eye catching images to use for your cover photo and profile picture. These images are available online in the "Members Only" section of our [website](#), and are very similar to what we use on our main Sigma Xi Facebook page.

Is your chapter currently utilizing social media, such as Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn or any other platform? If so, please send us your social media handles, so we can follow your activities and cross-promote.

If you have any questions about social media or gathering these images, please contact Hallie Sessoms at hseessoms@sigmaxi.org.

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