

## Featured News

### Registration Now Open!

#### The 2013 Sigma Xi Virtual Annual Meeting

will be held on Saturday, November 9th and we want you to be a part of it. No planes, trains, or automobiles necessary to be a part of this cutting edge, virtual experience. We hope you'll consider being a part of the conversation to help determine the future of Sigma Xi.



#### Communicating Science in the 21st Century

The tumblr blogosphere, the twitter sphere, facebook, vlogs, microblogs and other internet realms make us reconsider who is a scientist, how we do science, how we communicate science, how we share it, how we authenticate it, who owns it and how we co-create it. Social media technologies are giving rise to a lively scientific discourse that takes us into unfamiliar space. How we inhabit that space and how it shifts endlessly are intriguing questions that call into account everything we've ever learned about the culture of science. Enter the portal with us at the annual meeting and travel beyond established pathways. Let's engage, as Captain Picard says!

#### [Annual Meeting details and registration](#)

#### 2013 Sigma Xi Student Research Conference

In today's tough economic climate, securing your future not only requires critical skills training, but also an exploration of your career options.

The 2013 Sigma Xi Student Research Conference can help with both...

#### Learn Critical Skills

- Student Research Poster Competition in all fields of science and engineering
- Workshops on communicating science, grant writing and funding your graduate education

#### Explore Your Career Options

- Meet researchers in their natural environment; tours and discussions with scientists throughout the Research Triangle Park
- Career Panel featuring researchers in academia, government and industry
- Talks by award winning scientists, including former NSF Director Dr. Rita Colwell.

#### [Student Conference details and registration](#)

Event Dates: **November 8 & 9, 2013**

Event Location: Research Triangle Park, North Carolina USA

### Dates to Remember

- Oct 15, 2013- [Grants-in-Aid of Research Deadline](#)
- Nov 9, 2013- Virtual Annual Meeting
- 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 [memberinfo@sigmaxi.org](mailto:memberinfo@sigmaxi.org)

We'll be looking forward to hearing from you!



## Items of Interest

- **"Just Announced: Discover Cuba"**

Sigma Xi is excited to partner with Betchart Expeditions on an incredible travel opportunity—a U.S. Treasury Department-approved trip exclusively from Sigma Xi!

For eleven days in February 2014, join Betchart Expeditions on the trip of a lifetime and enjoy all Cuba has to offer.

Space is limited, so please contact Betchart today!

<http://www.betchartexpeditions.com/>

- **American Scientist on your iPad!**

Our American Scientist iPad version is ready! The past seven issues of the magazine (Jul-Aug 2012 through Jul-Aug 2013) have been placed in the iTunes store for members and digital subscribers. The magazines can also be purchased by the public at the regular cover price of \$5.95.

- **2013–2014 Spirit of Innovation Competition**

*Register today to create a team and submit your team's abstract by October 24th, 2013!*

*The 2013-2014 Competition will include presentations in **Aviation and Aeronautics, Cybersecurity and Technology, Energy and Environment and Health and Nutrition**. The Innovation Summit will take place at the NASA Johnson Space Center and Space Center Houston.*

Check out [Sigma Xi Volunteer Information](#) below for more details.

- **Student Grant Opportunity**

Applications for the Sigma Xi Grants-in-Aid of Research Program are being accepted through October 15, 2013. The program awards grants of up to \$1,000 to students from all areas of the sciences and engineering. Designated funds from the National Academy of Sciences support grants of up to \$5,000 for astronomy research and \$2,500 for vision related research.

Visit [Grants-in-Aid of Research](#) for more information and a link to the online application.

