

Featured News

SAVE THE DATE-November 9, 2013!

The 2013 Sigma Xi Virtual Annual Meeting—FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Greetings Fellow Companions!

Wow, do we promise you a memorable fall. Sigma Xi has been developing a heralded white paper on Science Communication in the 21st Century, especially noting the dramatic changes and possibilities brought by social media technologies. The most highly regarded science communicators—leading edge and savvy by any measure—are contributing to it and some of these same bright lights will be at the Annual Meeting this year on November 8th to share with you a remarkable vision for the future. Rosalind Reid and Bora Zivkovic are two of them. Dennis Meredith and Corey Powell are luminaries bringing the white paper into focus. I just returned from Washington, D.C. where, with Sigma Xi's Executive Director Dr. Jerry Baker, Corey and Dennis, we met with the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, the National Academy of Sciences and the National Science Foundation, all of who enthusiastically support this project. The role of Sigma Xi in Science Communication and social media technologies has such stunning potential. I hope you'll participate in the discussions that will take place at the Virtual Annual Meeting. You will find it rewarding and heartening.

Sincerely,



Linda Meadows
President Sigma Xi, The Scientific Research Society

[Register Today!](#)

The 2013 Sigma Xi Student Research Conference is November 8-9th!

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 in Research Triangle Park, North Carolina can help you...

Learn Critical Skills

- Communicating Science
 - Student Research Poster Competition; evaluated by career researchers



Dates to Remember

- Oct 1, 2013- [Society Award Nominations Deadline](#)
- 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

We'll be looking forward to hearing from you!

- Workshop: Communicating Science in the 21st Century
- Grant writing workshop
- Funding your graduate education workshop



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
- Networking with exhibitors and fellow students
- Talks by award winning scientists

[Register today](#) and *Discover Your Path* with Sigma Xi!

Items of Interest

- **APPLY NOW! Teach For America's 3rd Application Deadline is October 25th**

"The shortage of mathematics and science teachers in low-income areas has long-term consequences for colleges and graduate schools, where a diverse faculty and student body is vital to driving innovation forward."—Jake Socha, South Louisiana Corps '94

Help kids rise up through education and break the cycle of poverty.

Join Teach For America, the national corps of outstanding college graduates and professionals—of all majors, backgrounds, and career interests—who commit to teach for two years in urban and rural low-income communities and become lifelong leaders in expanding educational opportunity.

The next application deadline is Friday, October 25th. APPLY NOW to join the 2014 Teach For America corps. Click here to find out who we look for and where we work.

- **JUST ANNOUNCED! Sigma Xi & Betchart Expeditions**

are excited to partner on an incredibly travel opportunity—join us for "Discover Cuba"—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!

- **American Scientist now 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.

- **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"—asking them about their work and what the honor of Sigma Xi has meant for their career.

To view interviews of your fellow members, please visit here.

If you are interested in sharing your story with us, contact Hallie Saccoccia today.

If you are interested in sharing your story with us, contact [Name Sessions](#) today.

Important Dates to Remember

- **Society Award Nominations—DEADLINE OCTOBER 1**

Each year, the Society presents a number of prestigious awards to outstanding researchers, innovators, communicators and educators to recognize exemplary accomplishments in science and engineering.

These awards provide an excellent opportunity to recognize your colleagues and raise the visibility of your institution. Nominations through October 1, 2013 for the following:

- William Procter Prize for Scientific Achievement
- John P. McGovern Science and Society Award
- Walston Chubb Award for Innovation
- Young Investigator Award
- Honorary Membership

More information can be found [online](#) or send e-mail to awards@sigmaxi.org.

- **Grants-In-Aid of Research—DEADLINE OCTOBER 15**

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 [here](#) for more information and a link to the online application.

- **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](#) for more details.