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2014 Student Research Showcase & Conference

Researchers in the new millennium must be prepared to communicate their work to a diverse audience and through varied media. In 2014, Sigma Xi will offer two opportunities for outstanding high school, undergraduate, and graduate students to share their research with professional scientists and engineers.

- **Student Research Showcase (March 17-22, 2014)**—Virtual hosting of student presentations to be evaluated by leading career scientists.
- **Student Research Conference (November 7-8, 2014)**—Students present research posters and attend lectures, workshops, and networking events at a traditional face-to-face meeting held in the Glendale, Arizona (Phoenix area).

[Visit our website for more information.](#)

Recap: 2013 Annual Meeting & Student Research Conference

The 114th Annual Assembly of Delegates, held Nov. 9, was the second time Sigma Xi has hosted a virtual Annual Meeting.

The Assembly included two town hall sessions where members and chapter delegates were able to express their thoughts on the future of the Society and ask questions directly of the Board of Directors, Executive Director Dr. Jerry Baker, and the staff of Sigma Xi.



Dates to Remember

- Dec. 3, 2013- [Get in the spirit of generosity with #GivingTuesday!](#)
- Dec. 10, 2013- [Deadline for members to cast their ballots for Society leaders](#)
- Dec. 10, 2013- [Celebrate International Human Rights Day by learning about the AAAS Science and Human Rights Coalition](#)



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 us at memberinfo@sigmaxi.org.

We look forward to hearing from you!

In addition, delegates participated in two panel discussions on Communicating Science in the 21st Century. Discussions centered on how social media technologies are giving rise to a lively scientific discourse. 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.

Featured panelists included:

- Bethany Brookshire, science blogger;
- Danielle Lee, biologist and outreach scientist;
- Dennis Meredith, chair of the Sigma Xi Publications Committee;
- Corey Powell, editor of *American Scientist*;
- Rosalind Reid, executive director of the Council for the Advancement of Science Writing; and
- Jamie Vernon, Department of Energy-ORISE Fellowship.

[View the Annual Meeting online!](#)

[View Communicating Science in the 21st Century Panel 1](#)

[View Communicating Science in the 21st Century Panel 2](#)

On November 8-9, students from across North America shared their research through more than 150 poster presentations, attended educational sessions and participated in tours of research facilities in Research Triangle Park, North Carolina.

In addition, students attended lectures by these award-winning scientists:

- Rita Colwell, recipient of Sigma Xi's 2013 William Procter Prize for Scientific Achievement;
- Chad Mirkin, the 2013 winner of Sigma Xi's Walston Chubb Award for Innovation; and
- Michael Tobler, Sigma Xi's 2013 Young Investigator Award recipient.

[More information on the 2013 Student Research Conference may be found on our website.](#)

Earn a FREE YEAR OF MEMBERSHIP with our Member-Get-A-Member program!

Sigma Xi's new Member-Get-A-Member program gives all active Sigma Xi members a chance to **earn a free year of membership** by recommending five new members during a one-year period.



The Member-Get-A-Member Program has been successful since its launch last year and we would like to encourage you to consider it as a great way to enjoy the benefits of Sigma Xi membership without paying dues. All we ask is that you share the honor of membership with five colleagues or students who meet our requirements!

Potential new members must list their Sigma Xi "Recommender" on the "Recommended by" line at the bottom of their nomination forms.

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Support the future of science and engineering by giving to Sigma Xi programs. #GivingTuesday is a campaign to create a national day of giving at the start of the annual holiday season. We encourage you to be a part of the tradition of generosity and make **Tuesday, December 3**, a special day to donate to Sigma Xi.



To donate on #GivingTuesday or any time of year:

Simply text the word: **sigmaxi**

to the number **501501** to donate \$10 to Sigma Xi. The donation will be on your next phone bill.

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