

Michigan Green Chemistry and Engineering Conference at GVSU a success!



This year's 2-day GreenUp Conference, held at Grand Valley State University on October 23-24, included a Career Workshop sponsored by the American Chemical Society, a Green Chemistry and Engineering 101 workshop, a networking reception with exhibitors, in addition to the annual conference, Governor Awards, and student poster competition.



Keynote speaker Terry Collins (I), Professor of Green Chemistry at Carnegie Mellon provided inspiration and specific examples of reducing the use or generation of toxic chemicals in processes and products at the design stage and very beginning of the life cycle.

Grand Rapids Mayor George Heartwell welcomed over 130 conference attendees to Grand Rapids.



Student poster award winner Chun Ho Lam from MSU's Chemistry Department, presents his poster to contest judge, Sudhakar Reddy.

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Winners of the fifth annual Michigan Green Chemistry Governor's Awards - Academic: **Stephen Maldonado, Ph.D.**, UofM; Education: **Office of Campus Sustainability, UofM**

Feedback from attendees

"GreenUp is a vital event for us. I am convinced – more than ever – of the fundamental importance of Green Chemistry, and the role it can play in Michigan, both economically, and more importantly, for the common good of all."

"The quality and nuance of the presentations, the substance, the answer to the questions-one of the best panels attended in a while!"

"Location and conference area was excellent. Kudos to GVSU. Overall, presenters were knowledgeable and there was a good mix of industry, education, research, government, and NGO."

"Events like this inspire by reminding us that even though economic times have been tough, Michigan continues to lead in directions like this that are so critical to our future. Thank you and please keep up the great work."

Conference proceedings and information about Michigan's Green Chemistry Program and Governor's Awards are available on the Web at www.michigan.gov/greenchemistry. And check out the videos at <http://migreenchemistry.org/community/video-galleries/2013-michigan-green-chemistry-engineering-conference/>.



Over 15 exhibitors displayed their services during the 2-day event.