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Local and Student Chapter Development

Chemists Without Borders is pleased to announce the launch of local and university chapters' development. Our goal is to create ten new chapters around the globe in 2009. With the help of our wiki, an interactive web-based tool similar to Wikipedia, the new chapters will work to help develop the organizational structure of each chapter. See the initial wiki draft page here:

<http://chemistswithoutborders.pbwiki.com/Chapter-Development>

New Appointments: Patrick Wang-Financial Controller, Erik Yee-Knowledge Management

Patrick Wang is the newly appointed Financial Controller of Chemists Without Borders. He was the Asia Pacific Regional Financial Manager of a leading global manufacturing company in Suzhou Industrial Park, China, Asia headquarters. He has over 25 years financial management experience with leading global manufacturing enterprises in both the United States and Asia, including: an international CPA firm in Taiwan for three years; two major, U.S.-based, global, semiconductor companies in Texas and California for 10 years; and two listed companies in electronics and industrial materials in China, Hong Kong and Taiwan. Most of his experience is in an international manufacturing environment. Patrick Wang holds a B.S. degree from Soochow University in Taiwan and an M.S. degree from Utah State University.

Eric Yee from Cupertino, California, has been appointed to a project leadership role to develop an information system for knowledge management and collaborative interfaces at Chemists Without Borders to support field as well as functional operations. Eric is an IT professional and HP veteran, specializing in knowledge management. He will bring his unique expertise to our organization, enabling us to manage field programs effectively through global collaboration.

Organization News

Professor Abul Hussam: Arsenic Remediation Initiative

In December 2008, Professor Abul Hussam, developer of the SONO filter and winner of the 2007 Grainger Challenge Prize of one million dollars, sat down and talked with Chemists Without Borders. See this link for details about the Grainger Challenge and Professor Hussam:

<http://www.nae.edu/nae/grainger.nsf/weblinks/MKEZ-6XYR4U?OpenDocument> The SONO filter has, time and time again, proven to be the most effective method of removing arsenic, as well as many other heavy metals. The possibility of Chemists Without Borders partnering with Professor Hussam is very exciting!

China E-waste Initiative

A recent exposé on *60 Minutes* discussed electronic waste (e-waste) in China. Please see the video at: <http://chemistswithoutborders.blogspot.com/2008/11/following-trail-of-toxic-e-waste-60.html> A new Chemists Without Borders initiative related to dealing with e-waste in China is being developed. Chemists Without Borders' short term goal in this initiative is to provide chemically based technological solutions to reduce Pb, As, Cr and other toxins detrimental to the environment and human health. Perhaps the SONO Filter mentioned earlier could provide a solution to this problem?! Please see the Opportunities section below for volunteer needs for this initiative.

Bangladesh Education Initiative

During a recent visit to Bangladesh, Nazneen Khanam, Chemists Without Borders member and Bangladesh Field Liaison, attended the 2009 Bangladesh Chemical Congress in Dhaka. A report on the contacts and progress on the Bangladesh Education Initiative will be in the next newsletter. We plan to have one of the first Chemists Without Borders local chapters based in Bangladesh!

Opportunities

Chemists Without Borders has the following open positions:

1. **Communications Officer.** This Officer is responsible for executing communications campaigns with donors, members, partners and employees, and is also responsible for managing communications resources such as advertising, publications and press releases.
2. **Development Officer.** This Officer is responsible for identifying, developing, and managing strategic relationships with a portfolio of individual, foundation and corporate donors. Please see http://www.chemistswithoutborders.org/files/open_positions.pdf for more details on the Communications Officer and Development Officer positions.
3. **Volunteer Manager.** Volunteer Service Manager is responsible for mobilizing and directing volunteer resources within the organization to perform required functional tasks and to execute field projects and programs in order to achieve the mission of the organization. The incumbent must be committed to a cooperative team approach in managing volunteer resources as well as to developing the volunteer recruitment and retention programs.

4. E-waste initiative positions:

- E-Waste Project Manager
- E-Waste Advisors
- E-Waste Solution Development Team members

Advisor and Team are targeted to work together for developing low-cost technological solutions that remove E-waste toxics from environment and water, easily applicable at points of use.

5. Knowledge Management Project Team Member.

6. **Grass Roots Fundraising Officer.** We are also looking for volunteers to help with fundraising efforts, such as foundation research and grant writing. Please contact Bego Gerber at begogerber@chemistswithoutborders.org for more details.

Please contact stevehambreau@chemistswithoutborders.org if you are interested in any of the volunteer positions. We need your help!

Donate now!

There are several ways to donate to Chemists Without Borders. You may donate via PayPal (<http://www.chemistswithoutborders.org/donate.html>) or you may send a check directly to Chemists Without Borders, 831 Monica Lane, Campbell, CA 95008. Do you have contacts at foundations or other institutions that might be interested in supporting Chemists Without Borders? We would welcome introductions or suggestions for fundraising and grant opportunities.



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