International Year of Chemistry 2011

In Honor of the 100th Anniversary of Marie Curie’s Sklodowska first female Nobel Prize in Chemistry and the 100th anniversary of the International Association of Chemical Societies (IACS), the United Nations has designated 2011 as the International Year of Chemistry (IYC). IYC 2011 is a worldwide celebration of the achievements of chemistry and its contributions to humankind. Under the unifying theme “Chemistry — our life, our future”, The Year of Chemistry is intended to reach people all around the world, with public participation at the local, regional, and national level. The major goals of the IYC 2011 are to increase the public appreciation of chemistry, to encourage interest in chemistry among young people, and to generate enthusiasm for the creative future of chemistry.
To celebrate this worldwide event, SUNY Potsdam has offered a couple of interactive, entertaining, and educational activities for all ages, including a Chemtoberfest and a Jeopardy Chemistry game. The Chemtoberfest was organized by Mr. John Proetta, a chemistry major at SUNY Potsdam while the jeopardy chemistry game was organized by Dr. Fadi Bou-Abdallah from the chemistry department.

The game took place in Knowles Hall on Saturday October 29th from 10 am to noon. Teams of undergraduate students from SUNY Potsdam, Clarkson, St Lawrence and SUNY Plattsburgh participated in the jeopardy game and competed for an IYC 2011 trophy. SUNY Potsdam team consisting of students Henrique Schembry, Justin McNally, Tyson Terpstra, Kierstin Clark, and Mitchell Mayville grabbed the first place and won the trophy. Clarkson team scored second and won 2nd place medals. About sixty people from the above four universities attended the event which was sponsored by the Northern Section of the American Chemical Society.
IYC JEOPARDY 2011

Teams of undergraduate students from SUNY Potsdam, Clarkson, St Lawrence and SUNY Plattsburgh will be competing for a prize (an IVC 2011 trophy PLUS copies of the valuable education resource, "The Merck Index" to the winning team).

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Where: SUNY Potsdam, Knowles Hall
Time: 10:00 am — Noon
Date: 10/29/11

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Participating Universities

ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY

Plattsburgh
STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

Potsdam
THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

Clarkson UNIVERSITY
SUNY Plattsburgh Team
The Four Participating Teams: SUNY Plattsburgh, St Lawrence, SUNY Potsdam, and Clarkson
The Fight is ON!
SUNY Potsdam vs. Clarkson
Three students from the SUNY Potsdam Team (Having Fun ?)
SUNY Potsdam (brainstorming!)
St Lawrence University Team  (Don’t blame your classmate for providing a wrong answer !)
SUNY Potsdam Won the 1st Place of the Chemistry Jeopardy Game
Clarkson Team  (Celebrating their 2\textsuperscript{nd} place win)
SUNY Potsdam
The Winning Team
SUNY Potsdam – An eye to the SKY!
-- The Two Winning Teams --
SUNY Potsdam = 1st Place
Clarkson = 2nd Place
Shots from the Audience

Prof. Maria Hepel (SUNY Potsdam) and Prof. Ewa Platter (SUNY Plattsburgh)
Shots from the Audience
Clarkson Supporting team (Cheerleaders !)
Dr. Fadi Bou-Abdallah (Organizer of the Chemistry Jeopardy Game)
Congratulations to all four teams for a wonderful and very entertaining game.

SUNY Potsdam Team = 1\textsuperscript{st} Place

From left to right: Tyson Terpstra, Kierstin Clark, Justin McNally, Mitchell Mayville and Henrique Schembry.
The SUNY Potsdam Winning Team also Received copies of the valuable education resource, “The Merck Index”. From left to right: Dr. Fadi Bou-Abdalalah, Justin McNally, Tyson Terpstra, Kierstin Clark, Henrique Schembry and Mitchell Mayville.
Sharing and Discussing interesting information out of “The Merck Index”

The photos are courtesy of Rudy Conrad, a Biochemistry and Biology double major senior at SUNY Potsdam