Dear Prospective Meeting Participant,

On behalf of the Division of Chemical Education of the American Chemical Society, thank you for your interest in participating in the 25th Biennial Conference on Chemical Education (BCCE). More than 1200 attendees with interests in Chemical Education are expected to attend this five-day scientific meeting that will be held July 29 – August 2, 2018, at The University of Notre Dame in South Bend, IN.

The primary purpose of this meeting is to share educational practice and pedagogy between chemical education practitioners. In addition, more than 40 companies will showcase their latest products and services for chemical education professionals in the exhibition.

We would be delighted to have you join us in South Bend for this conference. Personal invitations are not necessary to attend meetings of the American Chemical Society. All of the Society’s meetings are open scientific events and welcome all persons who are interested, pay the necessary registration fee, and otherwise conform to the Society’s Bylaws for its meetings. Each BCCE is announced to the scientific and educational communities through publication of the call for papers and the program in a wide variety of national publications including the Society’s publication devoted to chemical education, The Journal of Chemical Education (JCE).

Neither The American Chemical Society nor The University of Notre Dame provides financial support to meeting participants. Airfare, ground transportation, hotel, meals, travel insurance, and any other local expenses are the responsibility of each meeting participant.

If you need to apply for a temporary non-immigrant visa to attend the Biennial Conference on Chemical Education, you are advised to apply for your visa as soon as travel to the United States is contemplated and not later than 4-6 months in advance. All applicants must be able to qualify for a visa on their own merits under the requirements of the Immigration and Nationality Act. Neither the University of Notre Dame nor the American Chemical Society can intervene with the U.S. State Department or an American embassy in another country on behalf of any meeting participant.

You can submit this letter with your visa application to verify the name, dates, location and purpose of the BCCE. A separate, personalized letter can be generated for meeting presenters to verify whether a paper has been accepted for presentation through the ACS MAPS system (the abstract submission system). Once you have registered for the meeting after February 16, 2018, you can also bring your registration confirmation paperwork to your visa interview. However, we will not be able to provide additional visa support nor will we call or generate personal letters to the embassy or consulate on your behalf. Additional BCCE information can be found at http://bcce2018.org

We look forward to your participation in the 25th Biennial Conference on Chemical Education.

Thank you,

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