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Dear Fellow CPRC Members,

When the 2011 CPRC Board of Directors and Executive Committee began the year, we developed a list of initiatives we hoped would create a sustainable foundation for continued growth of the Chapter. I outlined these initiatives in our Spring Newsletter and expressed my intent to see the efforts through fruition. In this Fall Newsletter, I want to share the accomplishments the Chapter and our Board have made in realizing our objectives, and relay my appreciation for the commitment of everyone who volunteered to engage in these efforts and do their part in furthering the CPRC community. The initiatives and their current status include:

- **Joint CPRC/HDC Spring Meeting**: CPRC’s first two-day, joint Spring Meeting was held at the Blue Ball Barn, Alapocas Run State Park, in Wilmington, DE on April 27-28. The meeting was a great success and we enjoyed spending time and sharing interests with the Hudson Delaware Chapter. A separate write-up in this Newsletter describes the meeting in more detail.

- **CPRC Sponsorship Program**: Last year we kicked off a successful sponsorship drive to raise funds and promote the organizations that are active in our Chapter. CPRC received three new Sustaining Sponsors this year, before we started our 2012 sponsorship drive! The 2012 CPRC sponsorship drive is beginning now, and a copy of the sponsorship letter is included in this newsletter. Additional information regarding the sponsorship program can be found on the CPRC website: [http://cprc-setac.com/sponsorships.aspx](http://cprc-setac.com/sponsorships.aspx)

- **Standing Committees**: In order to reinforce the Chapter foundation and establish a growth platform for the future, I proposed the Board form dedicated Standing Committees that will carry over year to year. This year we formed several committees to see to the business and development of the Chapter. These standing committees include: a Newsletter Committee, a Sponsorship Committee, a Planning Committee and a Social Committee. We are in the process of formalizing the roles and responsibilities of each committee and welcome involvement of the Chapter members as we move forward and grow.
Mission Statement: In order to succinctly capture the reason for the existence of our Chapter and to provide a cornerstone for our continued growth, the Board has been considering the development of a CPRC Mission Statement. The purpose of the mission statement is to embody the philosophies, goals, ambitions and values of our Chapter and enable the leadership to verify a true course for organization and its membership. We want input from the membership and the CPRC Mission Statement will be an agenda item for our Chapter meeting at SETAC NA in November.

Meetings/Events: Following the success of our joint CPRC/HDC Spring Meeting, and in the spirit of collaborative learning and development, the CPRC Board is excited to announce another joint meeting for 2012. CPRC is teaming with the Society for Risk Analysis (SRA) National Capital Area Chapter (NCAC) to co-host a joint Spring Meeting. The leadership of both Chapters believe there is a great deal of synergy that can be leveraged through this effort and we will be sharing more details about the meeting in the next few months.

I am pleased with the progress the Board and Executive Committee have made in advancing our Chapter and look forward to continued efforts to see CPRC grow and better serve the needs of our membership. I would love to have the members of our community of practice engage more readily with the Board to contribute thoughts and suggestions on how we can do things better and what the membership might enjoy as a benefit of belonging to this organization. I hope to hear from you and encourage you to engage in our Chapter and take advantage of the many opportunities and offerings our organization and its members provide.

Sincerely,

Joseph C. Steinbacher
joseph.steinbacher@obg.com
CPRC/HDC 2011 Spring Meeting Summary

By: Joseph C. Steinbacher – CPRC President
joseph.steinbacher@obq.com

After several years and many discussions, the SETAC Chesapeake – Potomac Regional Chapter (CPRC) and the Hudson – Delaware Chapter (HDC) collaborated to co-host a joint spring meeting for 2011. The theme of the meeting was *Sustainability of Mid-Atlantic Estuaries: The Assessment, Restoration and Management of Dynamic Landscapes*.

The first challenge the planning committee faced was determining a suitable location to accommodate the geographic range of the chapters’ membership. We settled on Wilmington, DE and found a fantastic venue at the Blue Ball Barn in the Alapocas Run State Park¹. The location was convenient for attendees, who traveled from as far away as Virginia and Connecticut, and the Barn provided the perfect setting for the meeting.

The meeting was two-days long, a first for CPRC, and session topics were varied and included presentations on: sea level rise, risk assessment, stormwater management, emerging contaminants, bioremediation and many others. Several workshops were offered at the spring meeting and included: Sustainability – What it is, why it is important and how to think about it; Nanotechnology and the Environment; and Considerations for Spatially-Weighted Risk Assessments.
CPRC/HDC 2011 Spring Meeting Summary - Continued

We were fortunate to have Dominique Görlitz, an experimental archaeologist and leader of the Abora 4 Expedition\(^2\), as our dinner speaker. Dominique shared his interest in the natural world and expressed his enthusiasm for scientific discovery during his presentation. He also provided the audience with interesting anecdotes and video footage from his expeditions.

The meeting was a great success for both chapters and it was an excellent opportunity to meet and network with members of our neighboring SETAC regional chapter. Overall, there were 75 attendees, with 32 attendees from HDC and 43 attendees from CPRC. We were fortunate to have a good turnout of student members and gave away over $1,000 in awards for best platform and poster presentations.

Given the success of CPRC’s first joint meeting and the potential synergies generated through such a collaborative venture, CPRC is in the process of planning another joint spring meeting in 2012 with the Society for Risk Analysis (SRA) National Capital Area Chapter (NCAC)\(^3\). We hope you will mark your calendars and plan to participate in what will be another exciting and informative conference.

\(^1\)http://www.destateparks.com/park/alapocas-run/blue-ball-barn.asp
\(^2\)http://www.abora3.com/
\(^3\)http://www.sra.org/ncac/
Student Poster and Presentation Award Winners - Spring 2011 Meeting

**Graduate Platform**

1st Place-$ 400: Anne Doherty (Stony Brook University)
Quaternary ammonium compounds (QACs) as tracers of sewage-derived input to Hempstead Bay, NY

2nd Place - $200: Marcia Anderson (Montclair State University)
Long term mosquito vector management plan for Haiti

**Graduate Poster**

1st Place- $ 400: Robert Newby (Seton Hall University)
Physiological responses of freshwater *Cyanobacterium Synechococcus* sp. IU 625 to zinc chloride

2nd Place- $200: Rebecca Hawke (Seton Hall University)
Bile PAH determination on *Brevoortia tyrannus* and *Brevoorta patronus* using synchronous fluorescence spectrophotometry (SFS)

3rd Place- $100: Kristina Early (West Chester State University of PA)
An exploration of spatial analysis and decision assistance (SADA) software and its support in human health risk assessments, decision-making, and risk communication

**Undergraduate Poster**

1st Place - $300: Meagan Mazzei (Towson University)
Developing a copper isotope ratio method for estimating copper availability to *Eisenia fetida*

2nd Place - $150: Kristopher Marsh (Towson University)
Kinetics of Zn accumulation in the isopod *Porcellio scaber* exposed to contaminated diet

3rd Place- $70- Julie New (Towson University)
Zinc toxicity and transport in barley
CPRC Social Networking Sites!

https://www.facebook.com/pages/Chesapeake-and-Potomac-Regional-Chapter-Setac/154275917991446

http://www.linkedin.com/groups/SETAC-ChesapeakePotomac-Regional-Chapter-4065821?home=&gid=4065821&trk=anet_ug_hm&qoback=.gdr_1314717914400_1.gmp_4065821

CPRC is now on Facebook and Linked In! Be sure to “Like” our Facebook page and join our group page on Linked In to stay up to date on all CPRC-SETAC news and events.
Make sure to stop by the CPRC Booth in Boston on **Monday November 14 from 3-5 PM** to learn more about our chapter!

**CPRC Meeting:** **Wednesday November 16 from 3-5 PM in Room 204** – All members and those interested in CPRC are welcome to attend. Student travel awards will be distributed and we will be discussing upcoming activities including:

- Development of a CPRC Mission Statement
- Joint SETAC/SRA spring meeting
- Re-design of the chapter logo
- Formalization of standing committees for future CPRC business
- Member recruitment strategies
- Chapter social activities
- Sponsorship drive

**We look forward to seeing you in Boston!**
Beneficial Reuse of Treated Effluent for Non-Contact Cooling Water in HVAC Application

By: Ben King, PE, Project Engineer
Matrix New World Engineering Inc.

Since January 2009, Matrix New World Engineering, Inc. (Matrix) has been part of a technical team remediating one of the largest privately funded Superfund sites in the United States. The Site is located in the Phoenix, Arizona metropolitan area. The Site includes an area of contaminated groundwater that encompasses approximately three square miles and originates at the former facility location. The primary site contaminants of concern (COCs) include the chlorinated solvent, trichloroethylene (TCE), and the solid rocket propellant, perchlorate.

As part of the ongoing remedial efforts being overseen by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and to provide hydraulic protection to local city-owned production wells, Matrix on behalf of our client, had recently installed a network of 5 injection wells strategically placed to provide the necessary hydraulic control. An average treated effluent flow of 900-gallons per minute from two existing groundwater extraction wells is distributed to the injection wells, creating a hydraulic mound utilized to reduce the plume and protect the surrounding production wells. As part of this construction project, Matrix worked with a local architectural engineer that had recently designed facility upgrades for a local church and school system to convey approximately 50% of the treated effluent from our groundwater remediation system to a newly installed HVAC system at the church for use as non-contact cooling water.

This beneficial reuse project, under the guidance of the USEPA green remediation initiatives programs, provided a constant source of non-potable water for the HVAC system, reducing construction costs associated with new production wells and distribution systems, saved the church thousands of dollars annually in water and maintenance costs, and reduced energy costs by approximately 40%. Matrix provided design support for the conveyance and piping system to the architect and construction oversight support to the general contractor and Church at no cost. The system is currently in use, and Matrix Operation & Maintenance personnel work closely with Church maintenance personnel to ensure the system operates properly and help rebalance the conveyance piping to and from their HVAC system as necessary.
Newly Developed Website Gives Public Visibility on Prescription Pharmaceuticals Entering Local Wastewater Treatment Plants

By: Karl Ottmar
University of Virginia Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering

Researchers at the University of Virginia recently announced the release of a website providing information on prescription pharmaceuticals entering wastewater treatment plants in Virginia. The website, titled VPharmaCalc, is based on an influent model developed with the purpose of estimating drug concentrations entering a wastewater treatment plant. The website has visitors enter their zip code and then, by using a shortest distance algorithm, matches up that zip code with the nearest wastewater treatment plant. The website then provides basic information on that treatment plant (address, size, service population) along with a listing of the top-50 drugs and their estimated influent concentrations. For each drug compound, a graph pops up showing annual prescription trends along with a link to the RxList.com website where additional information on the drug can be found. The website also contains links to educational material on Water & Pharmaceuticals, Wastewater Treatment, and the influent model itself, providing the public with additional resources should they have further questions about this topic.

Website Address: http://faculty.virginia.edu/vpharmacalc
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On behalf of the membership and the Board of Directors of the Chesapeake/Potomac Regional Chapter (CPRC) of the Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry (SETAC), I am asking for your support as a Corporate/Organizational Sponsor of CPRC for 2012. The benefits of your sponsorship to our Chapter are substantial, and include (but are not limited to): fostering interaction among our members (both professionally and socially), sponsorship of scientific meetings and social events each year, development of a biannual newsletter, maintenance and updating of our website, and sponsorship of student awards that encourage and promote the research and professional development of our student members. Your support would play a key role in maintaining these activities, and help us achieve our goal of expanding the size of CPRC and the range of benefits that we can offer.

We offer two formal levels of CPRC Sponsorship for 2012: Sustaining and Associate. The Sponsorship categories and the benefits your company or organization will gain as a Corporate/Organizational Sponsor are summarized below. In addition to these formal categories of sponsorship, we recognize and welcome sponsorships that may be focused on specific areas (for example, a student travel award), or smaller level contributions.

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**Associate** ($250)

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Corporate/Organizational Sponsors are acknowledged in each CPRC newsletter and on our website with a formal “Thank You,” as well as the names and company/organizational logos listed by sponsorship level. Sponsors are also acknowledged at each CPRC meeting and event. Sustaining Sponsors receive two complimentary registrations for our spring meeting, and Associate Sponsors receive one complimentary registration.

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Job Postings
Sustaining Sponsors may submit job postings for inclusion in the CPRC Newsletter and on our website.

Please contact any member of the CPRC Board of Directors if you have questions. New and Renewing Corporate/Organizational Sponsors are encouraged to contact Chapter Treasurer Heather Govenor (hgovenor@mbakercorp.com) or Chapter President Joe Steinbacher (joseph.steinbacher@obg.com).

Please make checks payable to “Chesapeake and Potomac Regional Chapter – SETAC” and include a letter that states you are providing the check in support of the Chesapeake and Potomac Regional Chapter of SETAC. Please be sure to include the name and address of the individual to whom the receipt and letter of thanks should be sent. Sponsorships are valid for the 2012 calendar year.

Checks can be mailed to:
Heather Govenor – Treasurer
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CPRC views our support of students as the most positive and productive part of our chapter. Therefore, we're pleased to announce that we will again be awarding Student Travel Awards for attendance at the Annual SETAC North America Meeting in Boston this November. The board has approved a total funding of $1,000 to be divided up among a maximum of 4 qualifying students ($250 each, with the potential for more depending on number of applicants).

To qualify for an award, you must be a current student member of CPRC since August 1, 2011. In addition, you must have an accepted platform or poster presentation at the SETAC-Boston meeting.

To apply: Please email your name/address/affiliation, copy of your accepted abstract and SETAC NA session number/title, and supporting letter from your academic advisor to Heather Govenor (hgovenor@mbakercorp.com) by Friday, October 14th, 2011. Soon after the 14th, the CPRC Board will inform the winners and checks will be given to qualifying students in Boston.

**BENEFITS OF CPRC STUDENT MEMBERSHIP**

- Reduced membership fee and registration fees at chapter conferences and meetings
- Opportunity to present research at chapter symposia and conferences
- Opportunity to interact with other students, as well as environmental professionals from government, academia, business and public sectors
- Updated news and information on the chapter web site & newsletter
- Opportunity for several student-oriented awards
- Networking opportunities (several students have met their future employers at CPRC meetings)
Annual 2011 NASAC Student Art Contest

The North America Student Advisory Council (NASAC) is sponsoring the 3rd annual Student Art Contest! We invite you to showcase your creativity by entering our contest. Entries may include, but not limited to: photographs, artwork, sculptures, paintings, film, music etc. We ask that you use the following theme for your submission:

“Navigating the Challenges of Environmental Science”

Prizes will be awarded! First, second and third place winners will be announced at the 32nd Annual North America SETAC meeting in Boston, MA where your artwork will be displayed (if possible) at the NASAC booth. Submissions are due on October 31, 2011. All student members of SETAC are encouraged to enter, but you do not have to be attending the SETAC meeting in Boston in order to enter the contest.

Please submit your entries with the following information and any inquiries to: Jennifer.Cole@tiehh.ttu.edu

1. Name
2. Address
3. University
4. Explanation of how your art related to the theme (no more than three sentences)
As an undergraduate, a graduate student, or a professional in a postdoctoral fellowship, be sure to plan to attend the student functions at the SETAC North America 32nd Annual Meeting! Students are an important component of SETAC, and these events give all students an opportunity to exchange ideas and talk with peers from other research facilities. We’ve planned events that are informal, interactive, and inexpensive - we include the cost in your registration. We look forward to seeing you in Boston! Here are some things you don’t want to miss:

**Monday Noontime Seminar (11:50 am – 1:00 pm)**: How to Successfully Network
This event is free and open to all students but pre-registration is required. Lunch may also be purchased at the time of registration.

**Monday Student/Mentor Dinner**: After the poster session, plan to attend the Student/Mentor dinner at the Sheraton Hotel. You can’t afford to miss this opportunity to mingle and network with many SETAC members! Your participation will strengthen your networks within SETAC and provide a valuable opportunity for discussion of scientific topics and career experiences. The event starts at 6:45pm and there will be informal mingling for half an hour followed by dinner. The cost of the dinner is included in your student registration and all students planning to attend must pre-register.

**Wednesday Noontime Seminar (11:50 am – 1:00 pm)**: Grant Writing: How to Write Effective Grants
This event is free and open to all students but pre-registration is required. Lunch may also be purchased at the time of registration.

**Wednesday Night Student Event (7:00pm - until...)**
Student Social Event at McGreevy's Irish Pub
Free event for all students
Appetizers will be served
Sponsored by the North Atlantic Chapter of SETAC
GET INVOLVED!

Green Team Boston Service Project
Wednesday November 16th 9:00am - 4:00pm
How do you get high school students interested in environmental science? Invite them to SETAC for a day! Following on the success of volunteer service projects incorporated in the past two annual meetings, SETAC will once again offer members the opportunity to reach out and serve the host community. In Boston, we will invite a group of local high school students to the meeting on Wednesday morning for a first-hand look at environmental science and careers in the field. Volunteers will act as guides as the students attend platform sessions and explore interactive exhibits and poster sessions, a number of which will be set up especially for them. We hope that the volunteers, particularly graduate students, will find it rewarding to share their experience and enthusiasm with young people who may not have many other opportunities to talk with scientists or get a glimpse of scientists at work. If interested please contact Ashley Jessick at ashley.jessick@unmc.edu

Opportunities for Involvement in NASAC
Did you know that SETAC-NA has a Student Advisory Council?

Did you know that the North America Student Advisory Council (NASAC) is lead by graduate students?

Do you know of a graduate student that is a natural leader with still two years of graduate education remaining that would make a great addition to NASAC?

If you know of a student interested in holding a leadership position within NASAC please encourage them to apply for the NASAC leadership position for the 2011-2014 term at http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/WBZ8WTG by October 31st, 2011.

The term is divided as follows:
• Nov. 2011 to Nov. 2012 - Vice Chair of NASAC
• Nov. 2012 to Nov. 2012 - Chair of NASAC
• Nov. 2013 to Nov. 2014 - Past Chair of NASAC

For more information students can contact the current Vice Chair, Ashley Jessick at ashley.jessick@unmc.edu.
This past summer scientists from the USGS-Patuxent Wildlife Research Center and USFWS Chesapeake Bay Field Office in monitored osprey nests in Baltimore Harbor/Patapsco River, Back River, Anacostia and middle Potomac Rivers and Poplar Island. Osprey egg and nestling blood samples were collected for contaminant analyses.

When checking the nests for eggs and chicks, many unusual items were found amongst the nest contents. It is well known that osprey have been observed using items of man-made origin in their nests. In 2011, everything from sunglasses to flip-flops were found in nests. Final nest checks in Baltimore Harbor and Back River revealed that every single nest that was monitored contained items reflecting the presence of man and his waste.

Besides children’s toys (tennis ball and pool toys), clothing (gloves, shoes, shirts and undergarments) and trash (juice boxes, plastic bags and bubble wrap) that can conceal eggs, a large amount of cordage material was found. These items including balloon and kite strings, rope, wires and fishing tackle can pose hazards to osprey adults and nestlings alike. Birds can become tangled up in lines, impaled by fishing hooks and even ingest plastics which can lead to internal harm (e.g., intestinal impaction and perforation of digestive tract) and pose a choking hazard. Ingestion of plastics can also expose birds to the “invisible” contaminants.
CPRC Logo Redesign Contest!

To reflect the new life of the chapter, CPRC is looking to update our current logo. We will brainstorm what we want the logo to relay at the Boston chapter meeting, then hold a design contest. YOUR design may become the new banner of CPRC!

In addition, the winning designer will receive a free year's membership to CPRC and complimentary registration at our spring meeting. Stay tuned for more details.
CPRC – WHAT WE DO

1. Sponsor bi-annual Chapter meetings
2. Publish two or more newsletters per year
3. Benefits of membership include:
   • Networking with fellow scientists and regulators in the region
   • Mentoring of young scientists
   • Opportunity to present research in scientific meetings
   • Experience with Society management
   • Opportunity to influence the direction of Chapter activities
4. Sponsor annual student travel awards
   • Travel money directly to students to subsidize costs of attending the annual SETAC NA meeting
5. Additional benefits of student membership
   • Reduced membership fee
   • Reduced registration fees at annual chapter conferences and meetings
   • Opportunity to present research at scientific meetings
   • Opportunity to interact with other students, as well as environmental professionals from government, academia, business and public sectors
   • Updated news and information through the chapter web site or newsletter
   • Opportunity for student-oriented awards
   • Networking opportunities (several students have met their future employers at CPRC meetings)
6. Offer company and institution visibility through sponsorship of CPRC activities or student awards

Make sure to check out our website http://cprc-setac.com/default.aspx for information about our upcoming meeting and the latest news!
Upcoming Event

Patuxent Research Refuge

On **Saturday October 15**th, Patuxent will hold its **Annual Wildlife Festival** at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service National Wildlife Visitor Center from **10AM-3PM**. Come out and learn about the work done at Patuxent including several contaminants oriented displays. For more information and directions please visit:

http://www.fws.gov/northeast/patuxent/events.html

This year, Patuxent will be celebrating its 75th Anniversary. To view a timeline of Patuxent’s rich history please visit:

http://www.pwrc.usgs.gov/75th/pwrc_timeline_20110830/
SETAC North America Meetings for the next three years:

2012 - SETAC North America 33rd Annual Meeting
   Long Beach, CA, 11-15 November

2013 - SETAC North America 34th Annual Meeting
   Gaylord Opryland, Nashville, TN, 17-21 November

2014 - SETAC North America 35th Annual Meeting
   Vancouver, British Columbia, 9-13 November

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CPRC: the Chesapeake and Potomac Regional Chapter of SETAC is a non-profit organization started in the year 1983. CPRC’s mission is to promote the exchange of information among environmental scientists in the Mid-Atlantic States.

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