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DINNER MEETING May 7

**EVOLVING NATIONAL ENERGY POLICY -
OPPORTUNITIES IN THE FUTURE**

Energy Policy Challenges

Developing a realistic national Energy Policy is a key to successfully achieving these energy transitions. On May 7th, Ben Ebenhack, from the University of Rochester, Chemical Engineering department and a panel of industry experts will answer the following questions:

- What energy systems can be pursued to meet the shortage in the time frame required?
- What role does the US play in the global transition?
- How can we create the best National energy policy?
- How does this compare to national policy today?
- What are the opportunities for Chem Engs, entrepreneurs and investors that will be created by energy policy?

Date: Thursday, May 7, 2009

Time: 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm Registration & Networking
6:45 pm - 7:30 pm Dinner and Key note presentation
7:30 pm - 9:00 pm Panel discussion and extensive Q&A

Place: Holiday Inn Boxborough Woods
242 Adams Place
Boxborough, MA 01719
Phone: 978-263-8701

Cost : \$25 students - \$30 AIChE local section and NECEC members - \$35 non-members

Registration: Register by **12 noon, Tuesday, May 5**; a late fee of \$10 fee after that date. Pre-registration required.

Please use the Internet Explorer browser to register.

<http://www.aiche-boston.org/events/register.php?eventid=60>

Those interested in carpooling, please contact Joyce Carpenter at joyce.carpenter@utcpower.com or call 860-727-2034.

SAVE THE DATE

Tuesday May 26 Joint Meeting with Hartford Chapter SWE

Creative Problem Solving

Speaker: Darlene Yerdon

Location: TBD greater Hartford area

**Congratulations to
Shampa Kandoi,
one of five AIChE
“New Faces of Engineering”**

Shampa Kandoi, Ph.D., a staff engineer at UTC Power, in South Windsor, Connecticut, is working towards developing fuel cell technology for practical use in exhaust-free automobiles and in electricity generation plants. She has led projects focused on the development of novel components (e.g. catalysts, cell designs) for polymer electrolyte membrane fuel cells. Her work has resulted in improved performance, reduced cost, and increased lifetime thereby helping to overcome the bottlenecks inherent in the commercialization of fuel cells.

Kandoi has published and presented her work extensively at several prestigious international conferences and journals. She has also taught thermodynamics to undergraduate students to help develop the next generation of engineers.

OTHER News:

The ACS Northeast Regional Meeting is coming to Hartford this fall. Mark your calendars for the 37th NERM, October 7-10, Hartford, CT.

2009 New England ChemE Car Competition

UMaine



UMass hosted the very successful New England Regional ChemE competition March 27, 28. Shown here is the proud University of Maine team with their winning car.

Thank you to those who volunteered as judges – the students were appreciative of the help.

As always, the Central New England Section Board is looking for new ideas and volunteers – please contact any of the board members shown on the front page.