



# AIChE®

October 2006 Newsletter



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## Fall 2006 Meeting Schedule

November 16:

Plant Tour at



December 22:

Speaker at

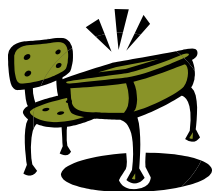


This is the first in what will become a monthly newsletter for the AIChE-Maryland Section. Information will be included regarding the remaining meeting schedule for the year, as well as a wrap-up of the previous meeting.

Section members are also encouraged to provide briefs or other information about projects on which they are currently involved, summaries of recently attended national AIChE meetings, or any other topics that may interest the rest of the section.

Please send your email address to [broeper@eaest.com](mailto:broeper@eaest.com), so that we can forward you information on future events!

## From the desk of the Chair . . .



Hello, and welcome to the 2006/2007 AIChE-MD program year! I would like to take this opportunity to thank Kathy Gunkel for her hard work as last year's Section Chair. As you know, the Section would cease to exist without volunteer leaders and member support. In preparation for returning to the Chair position, I was excited to represent our Section at the National AIChE Leadership Development Conference in Houston in June.

The conference was an excellent way for the Local Sections to share information, and I am eager to apply some of the ideas. Now if I could just find a way to add a few more hours to each day! But seriously, I would encourage each of you to find some small way to re-connect with our Section this year. Attend a meeting (or two), volunteer to help, or just drop me an email with your feedback. Your leadership team is looking forward to another successful year.

Regards,

Barb Roeper, Chair



### LAST MEETING'S RECAP . . .

On 21 September, AIChE MD members and guests were treated to a tour of the MGI PHARMA research facility in Dundalk. This facility was formerly part of Guilford Pharmaceuticals, a biopharmaceutical company engaged in the research, development and commercialization of drugs that target the acute care market. Our host was the Facilities Manager, Mr. Bob Evans, who developed the building systems during a recent renovation, oversees building and instrument maintenance, and is familiar with the types of research that are ongoing at the facility. The company's primary product is the Gliadel® Wafer, which is a biodegradable wafer containing a chemotherapy agent for the treatment of high grade malignant gliomas as an adjunct to surgery and radiation. As Gliadel dissolves, BCNU provides site-specific chemotherapy to target any remaining tumor cells in the brain. In addition to showing us the laboratory facilities, Mr. Evans showed

us the support systems, including HVAC and water treatment. Following the tour, our group met at the Costas Inn for dinner and networking.



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