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Dear Friends,

It is my pleasure to welcome you all to the 2020-2021 season of the Catalysis Club of Philadelphia (CCP) on behalf of the CCP's officers. As we continue to follow guidelines to mitigate the spread of coronavirus, we will hold virtual meetings (i.e. webinars) through December 2020. As the situation evolves, we will update you on the format of the meetings to be held in 2021. CCP members will be able to participate in the webinars at no cost using Google Meet. Details for the upcoming part of this season are enumerated below.

Program:

Please make your calendars for the next 3 webinars that are planned for September 17th, October 15th and November 12th respectively. The program prepared by Angela Zheng (Program Chair) lists the main speakers for these webinars. For each webinar, selected students from local universities will be given an opportunity to give a brief presentation of their work before the main speaker.

Date	Speaker	Affiliation
Sept. 17 th , 2020	Prof. Robert J. Farrauto	Columbia Univ.
Oct. 15 th , 2020	Prof. A. H. Alissa Park	Columbia Univ.
Nov. 12 th , 2020	Prof. Raul F. Lobo (CCP Award Lecture)	Univ. of Delaware

Webinar Arrangements:

We plan to start using Google Meet as our preferred webinar platform. Members will have to register for each webinar after the respective meeting announcement sent by Xinyu Mao (CCP Secretary). An invite with a Google Meet webinar link will be sent before the webinar by Jian Chang (Arrangements Chair). Do let us know if you have any difficulty connecting using Google Meet. We are open to using other webinar platforms with better accessibility.

To re-iterate, webinars will be available for free to CCP members.

Membership:

Dues for the 2020-21 season will remain at \$25 (\$5 for the local club and \$20 to the national club). Dues for students, postdocs and retirees will be \$10 (\$5 for the local club and \$5 to the national club). The preferred way to pay membership dues is using the [CCP Website](https://catalysisclubphilly.org) where payment will be processed via PayPal. Alternatively, you can contact [Josh Pacheco](mailto:josh.pacheco@zeolyst.com) (CCP Treasurer) for

other forms of payment. Please reach out to Udayshankar Singh (Director, Membership) if you have any questions related to membership.

Poster Session:

The poster session will most likely be held in early 2021. Donna Liu (Director, Posters) is evaluating options to organize the session online in case we are not able to host it in-person.

Miscellany:

Torren Carlson (Director, Sponsorship) has started soliciting sponsorships to support club activities. Do contact him in case your organization would like to sponsor the CCP.

Michael Smith will be CCP's representative to the North American Catalysis Society (NACS).

Please visit the CCP's [website](#) to access the CCP's by-laws, browse archives, etc. in addition to membership/webinar registration. The website is maintained by Dan DePuccio.

Past-chair Jacob Dickinson will co-ordinate the process for CCP Award nomination/selection.

Chair-elect Thomas Yeh will be planning for the CCP Symposium to conclude the season in summer of 2021.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or any CCP officers if you need more information or would like to provide feedback. Looking forward to your whole-hearted participation, and to see you all in person once the pandemic subsides. Stay safe!

Best Regards,

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