

## Welcome to the 2023-2024 Season of the Catalysis Club of Philadelphia

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Dear Colleagues,

It is my distinct pleasure to welcome all of you to the 2023-2024 season of the Catalysis Club of Philadelphia on behalf of the Club's Officers. We are pleased to announce that this year all meetings will be held **in-person**, following guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) as well as local conditions. The schedule for our 2023 monthly meetings is shown below, with meeting details to be distributed later. Please mark your calendars and we hope that you'll join us to learn, socialize and enjoy the planned talks!

Date	Time	Speaker	Affiliation
<b>Thu, Sept. 21, 2023</b>	5 pm -9 pm	Prof. Srinivas Rangarajan	Lehigh University
<b>Thu, Oct. 19, 2023</b>	5 pm -9 pm	Prof. Robert Rioux	Penn State University
<b>Wed, Nov. 15, 2023</b>	5 pm -9 pm	Dr. Hasan Dindi	DuPont (Retired)

Arrangements:

The monthly meetings will be held at Brandywine Plaza Hotel, located at 630 Naamans Road, Claymont, Delaware 19703. The meeting room for our Sep-Nov meetings will be Sussex Room.

The club membership fee is \$25 (\$5 for the local club and \$20 to the national club), which is paid once for the season 2023-2024. Membership fees for student, postdocs and retirees will be \$10 (\$5 for the local club and \$5 to the national club). Sit down plated dinner will be served during each meeting. The cost for meal is \$45 for members and \$35 for students/postdocs/retirees which includes one drink. Due to supply chain issues we need head count 14 days prior to each event. Therefore, we highly encourage everyone to sign-up for meeting and meal as soon as possible. Please go to the CCP website ([link](#)) for details and registration. The preferred way to pay your dues will be through CCP website via Paypal. Alternatively, you can contact Steve Hardwick our Treasurer (sjh.wilm.de@gmail.com) or Chair (angela.zheng@matthey.com) for reservations and other form of payments.

Miscellaneous:

Nefeli Kamarinopoulou (Director, Sponsorship) has started soliciting sponsorships to support club activities. Please contact her (neferi@udel.edu) in case your organization would like to sponsor the CCP events.

Feiyang Geng (Director, Membership) has started serving director for membership for the club. Please contact him (Feiyang.Geng@matthey.com) if you are interested in becoming a CCP member for the 2023-24 meeting season.

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

Peyton Swanson will serve as CCP's secretary and will coordinate for external communications and email distributions.

Please visit the CCP's website to access the CCP's by-laws, browse archives, etc. in addition to membership/regular meetings registration. The website is maintained by Dang Nguyen.

Sean Najmi (Chair, Arrangement) will be responsible for logistics and arrangement for monthly meetings and annual symposium/poster sessions.

Udayshankar Singh (Past-chair) will coordinate the process for CCP Award nomination/selection.

Our annual student poster competition will be organized by Donghua Zuo. It provides an important forum for local students to disseminate their work and interact with fellow scientists from industry and academia. Furthermore, selected students from local universities will also be given the opportunity to brief presentation of their work at certain meetings. Detail information on poster session will be shared in future announcements.

Zhuonan (Nick) Song (Chair-elect) will be planning for the CCP Annual Symposium to conclude the season in summer of 2024.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or any CCP officers if you need more information or would like to provide feedback. Keep checking our CCP website ([www.catalysisclubphilly.org](http://www.catalysisclubphilly.org)) for news and updates. The CCP team is excited to meet you in person after the pandemic, with your whole-hearted participation and engagement. Looking forward to seeing all of you this season!

Best regards,

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