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PRESIDENTIAL SESSION

Celebrating a Craftsman of the Art of Understanding: Roald Hoffmann at 70

Tuesday, August 21, 2007

Boston Convention and Exhibition Center, 205 A/B



INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Catherine T. "Katie" Hunt, President, American Chemical Society

Bassam Z. Shakhashiri,

Professor of Chemistry and the William T. Evjue Distinguished Chair for the Wisconsin Idea, Director, Initiative for Science Literacy, Department of Chemistry, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Héctor D. Abruña,

Emile M. Chamot Professor and Chair, Department of Chemistry and Chemical Biology, Cornell University

1:45 p.m

Roald Hoffmann, A Human Catalyst

Oliver Sacks,

Columbia University, New York

2:15 p.m.

Computational Chemistry: An Increasingly Important Way of Doing Chemistry

Odile Eisenstein,

Institut Charles Gerhardt, Equipe Chimie Théorique Méthodologies et Modélisations, Université Montpellier, France

2:45 p.m.

Chains, Rings, Substituents— Tales from the Marvelous Edifice of Modern Organic Chemistry

Henning Hopf,

Institut für Organische Chemie, Technische Universität Braunschweig, Germany

3:15 p.m. **BREAK**

3:30 p.m.

Metacognition: A Key Tool in Developing the Art of Understanding

Saundra McGuire,

Department of Chemistry, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge

4:00 p.m.

Consequences of Orbital Symmetry: Why Hoffmann was "Always" Right

Peter T. Wolczanski,

Department of Chemistry and Chemical Biology, Cornell University

4:30 p.m.

Distinctly Chemical Explanations: Roald Hoffmann's Philosophy of Science

Michael Weisberg,

Department of Philosophy, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia

5:00 p.m.

Trying To Understand, Making BondsRoald Hoffmann,

Department of Chemistry and Chemical Biology, Cornell University