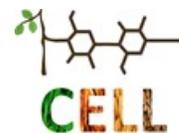




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## Call for Symposia

**261<sup>st</sup> ACS National Meeting**  
**March 21-25, 2021, San Antonio, TX**

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**Symposia accepted: May 20 – June 20, 2020**

Submit symposia to the CELL Division at [gmlarkin@mtu.edu](mailto:gmlarkin@mtu.edu). Direct inquiries to the program chair.

I have the honor to serve as the Division's Program Chair for the next two years starting with the planned 260<sup>th</sup> National Meeting in San Francisco, CA (August 16-20, 2020). Please join me in welcoming Falk Liebner (University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna, Institute of Chemistry of Renewable Resources, Austria) as the new CELL Programing Vice-Chair.

We live in uncertain times as evidenced by the cancellation of the 259<sup>th</sup> National Meeting, scheduled for Philadelphia, PA, this past March due to COVID-19. The program in San Francisco has more presenters and symposia than Fall last year. This is encouraging. A heartfelt thank you to the organizers and speakers. ACS has indicated that current plans are to hold the meeting face-to-face, virtually, or in some hybrid format. Human health and safety need to be the foremost consideration.

Now that the Fall 2020 meeting is tentatively set, it is time to turn to Spring 2021. This will be a busy meeting. The national program theme for Spring 2020 has been moved forward a year to Spring 2021. The CELL Division will have its delayed 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration with its two special symposia, two AP Symposia, the Kingfa Symposium, and our regular slate of programming.

If you organized a symposium for Spring 2021 and wish to bring it forward to Spring 2021, you will be given priority. Your hard work should be given every chance to come to fruition. You will, however, have to resubmit the symposium proposal for the S 2021 meeting. Your speakers will have to resubmit their abstracts. If you did not have a planned symposium for S 2020 and would like to propose one for S 2021, please do so and every effort will be made to accommodate your request. We need to both catch-up and move forward with symposia. Please fill out the accompanying CELL Symposium Proposal Form and return it to me.

The ACS 261<sup>st</sup> National Meeting will be held in San Antonio, TX from March 21-25, 2021. If you are interested in or planning a symposium for the Spring 2021 meeting please fill in the attached form as soon as possible. This would be greatly appreciated as there is a lot to sort out. **The deadline for this Call for Symposia is June 20, 2020.**

Regards,

Glenn M. Larkin  
CELL Program Chair

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