**ANNUAL REPORT 2010 - ACS Hungary Chapter**

**FIRST QUARTER 2010**

* **ACS Leadership Institute Course (Jan 22-24, Ft Worth, TX)** Andras Guttman attended and took the following classes:
	+ Engaging & Motivating Volunteers
	+ Collaborating Across Boundaries
* **Board meeting (Feb 06, 2010)**
	+ **Preparation for the** Csaba Horváth Memorial Lectureship **(jointly organized by the Hungarian Academy of Sciences and the ACS-Hungary Chapter. Discussion of the format of the Lectureship Certificate**
	+ **Arranged news release about the event in Hungary and in the USA**
	+ **Planning upcoming ACS-Hungary Chapter programs as well as conferences and symposiums to represent the chapter in 2010**
	+ **Call upon Dr. Attila Pavlath to suggest his plans for the 2011 Year of Chemistry**
	+ **Discussion of budgetary issues**
* **Board meeting (March 19, 2010)**
	+ **Last minute organization issues for the** Csaba Horváth Memorial Lectureship **presentation**
	+ **Attendance of ACS-Hungary Chapter members at the Conference of Hungarian Chemists (Hajduszoboszlo, Hungary) representing the chapter**
	+ **Preparation of the upcoming invited presentation of Yvonne Martin**
	+ **Discussion and approval of the 2009 Annual report**
	+ **Finalizing Press Release on ACS-Hungary Chapter**
* **Csaba Horváth Memorial Lectureship (March 19, 2010)**

Prof Barry L. Karger (Barnett Institute, Northeastern University, Boston, MA, USA) has given the “Csaba Horváth Memorial Lectureship” at “Kisterem”, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, 1051 Budapest, Roosevelt tér 9 (The event was jointly organized by the **Hungarian Academy of sciences and the ACS-Hungary Chapter.**)

* + Program:

1. Introduction: In Memoriam Csaba Horváth

2. Presentation of Lectureship Certificate

3. “Csaba Horváth Memorial Lecture” by Professor Barry L. Karger: “New Approaches to Protein Structure Analysis for the Life Sciences and Biotechnology”.

* + VIP (invited) lunch
	+ Interviews for Hungarian media representatives: newspapers (see below), radio (Club) and TV (Duna). Published in details: Hungarian Chemical Journal 65 (2010) 173.
* **239th ACS National Meeting & Exposition** (March 21-25, 2010, San Francisco, CA USA)
	+ The ACS-HU chapter was represented by Dr. Attila Pavlath

**SECOND QUARTER 2010**

* **Attend the Horváth Distinguished Lecture Series at the Department of Chemical engineering at Yale University, New Haven, CT (April 7, 2010)** to honor Csaba Horváth, presented by Prof Edwin Lightfoot, titled: “Replacing Mysteries by Puzzles: Building on the Career of Csaba Horvath”. (Andras Guttman represented the **ACS-Hungary Chapter)**
* **Board meeting (Apr 27, 2010)**

The board discussed the following issues:

* + Plan and logistics for the ACS-Hungary Chapter general assembly meeting on July 5 to present the Honorary President Certificate to Dr. Attila Pavlath
	+ Organization of ACS-HU presence for the ACS Fall meeting in Boston, MA
	+ Discussion of budgetary issues
	+ Suggestions on recruitment activities and membership increase
	+ Proposal on 2011 activities
	+ Plan to attend the Conference of Chemistry Teachers in Nyiregyhaza (Hungary) with a poster to publicize ASC-HU among teachers and high school students
	+ Preparation for 2011 Year of Chemistry activities
	+ Recommendation of a new board member: Dr. Bela Ivan
	+ Webpage maintenance related issues
	+ ACS-HU participation plan on the Hungarian Technical Days event
	+ Set up connection with the Hungarian Professors Abroad organization
	+ Plan for the yearly event of Night of Researchers (Sept 24, 2010)
* **Interview with C&E News on International Chapters (May 25, 2010)**
	+ **Published in: C&E News, May 3, 2010, Volume 88, Number 18, p. 47**

* **MKE Hungarian Chemical Society Annual Conference** (June 30-July 02, 2010, Hajdúszoboszló, Hungary)
	+ Members of ACS-HU attended meeting representing the chapter and giving presentation in the name of the chapter
	+ Poster to advertise the advantages and recruit new members for ACS-HU
* **XXIV. Hungarian Chemistry Teacher’s Annual Conference** (June 27-30, 2010, Nyíregyháza, Hungary)
	+ Poster to advertise the advantages of the membership of ACS-HU was presented

**THIRD QUARTER 2010**

* **Presentation of Dr. Yvonne C. Martin (Abbott Laboratories)** titled: Computer Assisted Molecular Design: Lead Hopping with Confidence (April 01, 2010, 14:00 PM), in Graphisoft Park, Budapest, Hungary
	+ Organized by two subcommittees of the Hungarian Chemical Society,
	the American Chemical Society Hungary Chapter, Chemaxon Ltd and Thalesnano, Inc.
* **General assembly meeting (July 05, 2010)**

Presentation of the Honorary President of the American Chemical Society – Hungary Chapter certificate to Dr. Attila Pavlath. Dr. Pavlath thanked the honor and gave a talk on the role of chemistry in life. The presentation was followed by dinner and discussion of the following issues:

* + Summary of the advantages of being a member of the ACS-HU chapter
	+ Preliminary discussion about the mission and vision statement of ACS-HU
	+ Plan to increase membership from the Hungarian chemists worldwide
	+ Associate director status proposal
	+ Update on website related issues
	+ Mentorship program for students and young scientists
	+ Budget discussion
	+ Arranging the translation of Chemistry Milestones to Swedish
	+ Congratulation letter to ACS-HU member Prof Fabian for his election as rector of University of Debrecen.
* **240th ACS National Meeting & Exposition (August 22-26, 2010 Boston, Massachusetts, USA) International Committee Meeting**
	+ Attend ACS International committee luncheon meeting on Aug 22, 2010
	+ Meet Nancy McCormick-Pickett during the meeting to discuss programs designed to help ACS members to improve the public’s appreciation of chemists and chemistry by providing messages about the many positive contributions chemistry professionals make to improve our lives
	+ Participate IAC IUPAC / USNC reception for international meeting participants (Sheraton Boston Grand Ballroom, Aug 22, 2010)

**FOURTH QUARTER 2010**

* **Board Teleconference (Nov 01, 2010)**
	+ Discuss timing and location of December general yearly assembly dinner
	+ Website update related issues
	+ Mission and vision statement draft
* **Interview with Attila Pavlath (former ACS president) on the occasion of his 80th birthday**
	+ **Published in: Hungarian Chemical Journal, Nov issue, 2010.**
* **General assembly dinner (Dec 03, 2010)**
	+ The mission and Vision statement was presented and discussed (see below)
	+ Scientific presentation: Microfluidics and Nanotechnology (by Andras Guttman)
	+ Final plan of ACS-HU activities for the International Year of Chemistry 2011
	+ Closing year budget review

ACS-HU membership number has increased by 12% since year 2009.

**ACS-HU Chapter Mission and Vision statement:**

ACS-HU is a professional society that should bring more value to its activities and also start planning scientific forums and meetings. The mission and vision statement extension below outline what the organization wants to be and concentrate on the future and is a source of inspiration. These should provide clear decision-making criteria that will provide guidance for decisions on future activities.

**MISSION**:

* Promote the dissemination of chemistry and related fields to facilitate interfacing between the public and academia / industry
* Provides forums to address challenges in chemistry and related fields
* Utilize the experience and networks of the chapter members coming from industry, academia, and regulatory bodies.

**VISION:**

ACS-HU, as part of a global organization, is a premier non-profit scientific society facilitating the interaction among industry and academic professionals in chemistry and related fields.

Initial draft of ACS-HU’s strategic objectives:

* Bringing the right topics to the table – utilizing our unique knowledge of all fields in chemistry.
* Propagate forums to meet needs/challenges in chemistry and related fields.
* Nurturing scientists, teachers, students, user/technicians and technology.
* Providing opportunities for interaction between industry, students, regulatory, etc.
* Efficient, professional, fiscally responsible operations.
* Develop communications strategies to enable exchange and dissemination of information via our website.
* A culture that supports the professional growth of our members.

**VALUES**: ACS-HU holds the following as organization values & principles:

* Neutrality
* Scientific credibility
* Innovation
* Respect for colleagues
* Altruistic
* A constant striving to improve chemistry
* Collaborative environment
* Fiscally responsible

Gaps between the Vision Statement and current reality

* Communications.
* Support of existing activities.
* Need to have capacity to respond.

Next Steps: Proposal to get through 2011, including.

* Maintain existing activities
* Develop better communications
* Proposal for long term strategies to be able to meet objectives identified at the October board meeting