

LONG-RANGE PLANNING MEETING

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL CHEMISTRY

Sunday, April 13, 1997

Hotel Nikko, White Pearl I, San Francisco

2:30-5:00 pm(Come for part or all of it)

Objective: To focus on the Division's prime areas of programming importance and to identify respected scientists to help develop these. Discuss issues that are crucial to the Division's future success.

Scope of Discussion: Environmental symposia and conferences are proliferating in the ACS and other professional organizations. We must, therefore, define our core disciplines to accomplish our mission effectively. In my opinion, we should rarely have symposia attended by less than 50 people. We should develop comprehensive, scientific, repeating symposia in several areas of excellence. For example, I consider pollution prevention one such area, and we already have the beginning of a joint, separate program. Another area that I suggest is environmental fate (analysis, transport, risk, remediation). Who are the prime contributors in these areas and who is the best person to approach them and convince them to program symposia on a continuous basis(every 3 years or so)?

As another example, remediation is an area that I consider questionable, although it is one of my major interests. We compete here with a large number of engineering societies that tend to have much larger attendance.

I include the beginning of this effort from 1995 and some comments by Alan Elzerman. If you are unable to attend, give me your comments at any time, preferably before the meeting. I would like to define an order of importance, although that is probably wishful thinking, several people for each area, and an action plan.