



The Chemical Society of the South Pacific
C/o. School of Biological and Chemical Sciences
The University of the South Pacific, Private Mail Bag, Suva, Fiji
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The Principal/HOD Sciences

4th April, 2014

Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: NATIONAL CHEMISTRY POSTER COMPETITION 2014
THEME: “Utilising our Natural Resources: the Chemistry of Traditional Medicine”

The Chemical Society of the South Pacific (CSSP) has listed as part of its annual event the “National Chemistry Poster Competition” for potential Chemists. This competition was introduced into the CSSP calendar in 2010 and has been an annual event of the Society since.

In this respect and on behalf of the CSSP, it is my pleasure to write and invite your school to participate in this year’s ***National Chemistry Poster Competition***. The purpose of this competition is to further nurture and advance the creativity of students by having them develop and express their ideas on how they see chemistry at work in their everyday life. On the whole this competition is meant to encourage teamwork among students and to strengthen their overall appreciation of chemistry.

The competition for the different zones will be held on **Saturday 21st June, 2014 from 1.00 – 3.00 pm** at the following venues:

Central/Southern Zone: FSTE Chemistry Labs, USP, Suva

Western Zone: Nadi Muslim College, Nadi
Xavier College, Ba

Northern Zone: Labasa College, Labasa

There can be a maximum of four participants per poster and individual students or group of students can submit more than one poster. The student(s) can be from any Form (Form 4 to 7). The students will display their posters at the centre most convenient to them within their zone on **21st June, 2014** after securing the endorsement of their respective schools.

The competition has an **entry fee of \$2.00 per participant per poster** and will be collected on the day of the competition. The format of the competition and the Registration Form is enclosed. Completed Registration Forms **must** be submitted by **Friday, June 6th 2014** and **preferably emailed to poster@thecssp.org**. Submissions by fax or post will also be accepted. *For schools in the Western Zone, please indicate your preferred venue.*

We now look forward to your school's participation.

Yours faithfully,

Tiresa Areki (Ms)
National Chemistry Poster Competition Coordinator – 2014

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CSSP NATIONAL CHEMISTRY POSTER COMPETITION 2014 Registration Form

Name of the School: _____

Postal Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

Name of Chemistry Teacher coordinating the event: _____

Participant Name(s): _____

Preferred Venue: USP, Suva Nadi Ba Labasa

Note: Entry fee of \$2.00 per participant per poster, to be paid at the time of competition (Preliminary Round) on 21st June, 2014.

The completed Registration Form **MUST** reach the undersigned on or before **6th June, 2014.**

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National Chemistry Poster Competition 2014

... *THINK CHEMISTRY & WIN PRIZE*

Theme: “Utilising Our Natural Resources: the Chemistry of Traditional Medicine”

Criteria:

- Poster on vanguard sheet, size - 64cm x 45cm; must display theme
 - **Clearly** state participant(s) and School name on the bottom left-hand side of the poster
- *Note: *Lamination is optional*

Venues: FSTE Chemistry Labs, USP (for school in Navua, Nausori, Suva)
Nadi Muslim College, Nadi (for schools in Nadi, Sigatoka, Lautoka)
Xavier College, Ba (for schools in Ba, Tavua, Rakiraki)
Labasa College, Labasa (for all schools in Northern Division)

Date: June 21st, 2014

Time: 1.00pm – 3.00pm

1. Schools are allowed more than one entrant
2. Use internet, reference books or any other valuable source to gather information regarding the theme
3. Use pencils, pens, colour pencils, colour markers, crayons, Microsoft Power Point or other suitable tools to design your poster. Use of technology is encouraged, e.g. computers
4. **Preliminary Round** – best three posters (finalists) will be selected from each of the four venues after judging and will be brought to USP for the Final Round
5. **Final Round** – the winning posters from the Preliminary Round will be judged and three final winners will be declared. Participation Certificates will be awarded to all entrants
6. All winning posters (Preliminary and Final Round) will be displayed during the USP Open Day

For clarification on the above, please contact Tiresa Areki on 978 6173 or email poster@thecssp.org.

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JUDGING CRITERIA/RULES

Eligibility

1. Must have submitted official entry form i.e. completed Registration Form.
2. Poster must be of 64cm x 45cm in size

Judging Process

The following are the outlines for selection/judging of winners and runners up of the CSSP chemistry poster competition:

1. Each poster will be given an ID number attached by sticky note or paper clip
2. Judges will be given the judging criteria and will be asked to move through the areas where the posters are displayed
3. Participants are to be present near their posters to explain the message they are conveying through their posters
4. Judges are to judge the posters according to the criteria listed below and total the score
5. Judges are to award 1 to their first preference, 2 for second, and 3 for third
6. The papers are to be returned to a central point as they are completed
7. Votes should be recorded and tallied when everyone has finished
8. The judges' decisions are final

Criteria

The following are outlines for the judging criteria for the National Chemistry Poster Competition:

1. Posters must display the theme
2. Posters must address the theme
3. Attractively displayed in colour (Neatness, Colour Harmony, and Presentation)
4. Demonstrate effective use of art materials
5. Originality of design or innovative concept
6. Should make an impact from a distance

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