



SYMPOSIUM & CELEBRATION

IN HONOR OF

Professor John Casida

**Celebrating Prof. Casida,
his Alumni and Colleagues'
Contributions to the
Chemistry, Metabolism and Mode of Action of Agrochemicals
and Professor Casida's 80th Birthday!**

**TO BE HELD AT THE
2010 SPRING ACS NATIONAL MEETING IN SAN FRANCISCO
March 21-25, 2010**

Alumni, colleagues and friends of Professor John Casida are invited to participate in a symposium and associated celebrations honoring the accomplishments of Professor John Casida. From 1951 – present, Professor Casida, his alumni and colleagues have contributed an enormous body of knowledge to the study of the chemical and metabolic fate of agrochemicals, including activation and detoxification processes, and their mode of action. This work continues to provide essential tools for determining the commercial viability and potential impact of pesticides on public health and the environment. This symposium will highlight the original work conducted at the Berkeley and Madison laboratories with a great variety of chemical classes including the chlorinated hydrocarbons, organophosphates, methylcarbamates, pyrethroids, ryanoids, neonicotinoids and others, coupled with the current status of these products in crop protection applications.

Suggested topics include:

Metabolism, activation/detoxification mechanisms and chemical models

Mode of action and primary targets, in reference to receptors, enzymes and ion channels

Secondary toxicological targets

Structure optimization

Please note: in addition to this symposium, there will be a variety of other AGRO division symposia that provide additional poster and oral presentation opportunities.

For additional information, please contact:

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Dear colleagues,

This Spring, we are organizing a symposium and celebration for friends and colleagues of John Casida. As this will be held in conjunction with the Spring meeting of the American Chemical Society in San Francisco, this celebration will be a homecoming for many of us who had the pleasure to work in John's lab in Berkeley.

The symposium is being sponsored by the AGRO division of the ACS. The symposium will be included among the AGRO symposia that will be scheduled throughout the March 21-25 National ACS meeting. However, at this time, the exact dates of the individual symposia have yet to be determined.

Additional information about the ACS meeting can be found at:

www.ACS.org then click on "Meetings"

To submit an abstract:

- Go to the ACS Meetings site (above) and click on "Submit an Abstract".
- You may have to select a username and password to set up an ACS account.
- Then expand the selections next to the AGRO:division of Agrochemicals.
- You will then see a list of options for submitting either a poster or oral presentation for a variety of AGRO symposia. Please select the symposium (and format:poster vs oral) for which you wish to present. Options include symposia in honor of Prof. John Casida.
- Follow the instructions for the remainder of the abstract submission process; the process is fairly straight forward. The deadline for abstract submission is November 2, 2009.

Updates on the John Casida Symposium and Celebration will be posted on the AGRO website: www.AGROdiv.org.

If you anticipate that you will be attending the Symposia/Celebration, please send me a brief email. This will permit me to keep you abreast of developments and to obtain an approximate head count for planning our activities in San Francisco. My email address:

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Sincerely,

John Johnston