RE: Invitation from the UC Chapter of Sigma Xi

Dear Sigma Xi At-Large Members in Greater Cincinnati,

As a member of the local science community, I write to invite you to transfer your Sigma Xi affiliation to the recently revitalized University of Cincinnati Chapter of Sigma Xi. Local chapter dues are an additional $20 per year (payable through Steve Matter, Treasurer, ML #0006, Department of Biological Sciences, University of Cincinnati 45221-0006; email: Stephen.matter@uc.edu). This small annual investment will provide you and members from the greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky network of colleges, universities, and community science and engineering organizations access to benefits and opportunity to participate in enrichment events locally.

We co-sponsor a number of lectures annually, host a symposium on a contemporary science or engineering topic, sponsor research grants-in-aid to students mentored by Sigma Xi members, honor excellence in junior and high school science and math teaching in our region, sponsor a young and rising star as Sigma Xi researcher of the year, reward excellence by grade 7-12 students presenting projects at the annual southwestern Ohio science and engineering expo (Science Fair), and co-host the monthly series of Cincy Science Café public outreach events.

On March 10, 2011, we will host our Spring Program, Reception, and Banquet and you are cordially invited to join us. All active Sigma Xi members in Greater Cincinnati and their guests are invited. The evening’s events will take place on the UC main campus in the Tangeman University Center.

- The program will begin at 5pm with an open to the public symposium featuring 5 Fellows of the American Society for the Advancement of Science who will each forecast their view on the next big challenges, opportunities, and advanced in science and engineering during the current decade ending in 2019, the bicentennial anniversary year of the UC’s founding.
- An awards presentation will follow the symposium to announce the 2011 Sigma Xi researcher of the year, the 2011 Sigma Xi science or math teacher of the year, and recipients of student research grants-in-aid.
- A reception (cash bar) will follow from 6 to 7 pm.
- The Spring Banquet, induction of new members, and brief annual business meeting will begin at 7 pm and end by 8:30 pm.

We do hope you’ll join us – both as a new UC Chapter member and by attending future UC Sigma Xi-hosted events. We look forward to serving as a new network for you to make new friends, discover new colleagues, and renew old acquaintances.

To keep connected and informed on Sigma Xi-hosted events in Greater Cincinnati we encourage you to visit the UC Sigma Xi website: http://www.uc.edu/orgs/sigmaxi/. The website is full of up-to-date information including event notices, volunteer opportunities, leadership opportunities and network connections, and events registration (e.g., 2011 Spring Program and Banquet on March 10).

We hope to see you on March 10th!

Sincerely,

Ron Millard
President, UC Sigma Xi (Chapter #045)