



## Plan to Attend C3 Conference in 2006 at Niagara College

**When :** May 25 - 27, 2006

**Where :** Glendale campus of Niagara College, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario

**More Info:** [http://niagarac.on.ca/features/c3\\_conference/](http://niagarac.on.ca/features/c3_conference/)

### UPCOMING CONFERENCE PROMISES TO BE EXCITING!

The 2006 C3 conference at Niagara promises to be truly exciting. Organizers have chosen "Falling for Chemistry" as the major theme for the 2006 conference.

The conference will focus on two main topics; *Applying Chemistry* and *Teaching Chemistry* and a number of sessions are planned under these two main topics. It is not too early to start thinking about submitting an abstract of your presentation, even

though the abstract deadline is four months away

Planning for the conference is well underway and the keynote speakers have all been lined up. The conference schedule will include the executive meeting and the AGM, two full days of sessions, a reception, wine tasting event, the banquet, award ceremony and the fun run, in addition to the tour of the Niagara Falls and the Niagara-on-the-

Lake region.

We hope to see a large number of fellow C3 members at this conference which will be held in such a central and attractive location. So plan on attending!

More details on the program, registration, transportation and accommodations will be included in the next Newsletter. If you can't wait that long, you can download the registration form and all other relevant information from the conference website.

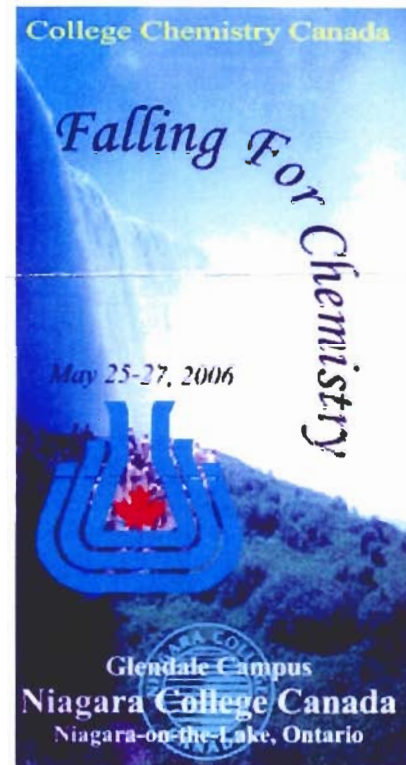
### NEED ARTICLES FOR C3 NEWSLETTER

Submissions dealing with all aspects of chemistry teaching are sought for the C3 Newsletter. If you have an idea or a demonstration or an experiment that has worked well in the past, why not share it with the rest of the membership? All you have to do is to send us copy and we will be glad to include it in the next C3 News.

This is the first Newsletter from this Editor, after volunteering to take on the responsibility in late October

We hope that the next Newsletter, with your help, will be much longer.

**Season's  
Greetings  
&  
Best Wishes for  
the New Year!**



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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN!

*"Welcome aboard!"*

*This is your captain speaking."*



Actually, I don't feel at all like a captain, or even a president, but here I am, "speaking", and feeling sympathy for those cartoonists, columnists, and the like, who have much more frequent print deadlines than I have. How do they do it?

It occurs to me that you, the readers, are a "captive audience", and I should have something profound to enlighten you with! (You're not really a captive audience, of course; you can stop reading any time you like! I'm used to it: I've been secretary of our faculty, and now faculty council [to say nothing of "author" of innumerable hand-outs for my students!], long enough to realize that much of what I write is unread.) I'm afraid at the moment the most profound offering I can make is wishes for speedy marking and grading, a refreshing break, and a happy new year!

Further evidence – although I realize it's not conclusive – that people don't read what I write (well, I guess actually former *C<sub>3</sub> News* editor Lawton wrote it) is the response to the contest in the 2005 May issue of *C<sub>3</sub> News* (page 6): one valiant entry. Where was the picture of Little Bear (our Schipperke-Pomeranian cross) and me taken? Jasper Park Lodge. The spacious lounge has a pet-friendly corner where Treva and I have enjoyed an occasional lunch and/or Scrabble game. [I regret to report that that "perfect" little dog was killed by a passing pick-up this September; the pick-up did stop, but not in time.] Ah, but wait! I just realized that someone read something that I wrote! The plea for an editor that I put in the special edition of the *C<sub>3</sub> News* a month and a half ago did not fall on deaf ears (or, blind eyes). Let me take this opportunity publicly to thank Sudhir for coming to our rescue and to welcome him to the *C<sub>3</sub> Executive* as Editor. Sudhir is no stranger to the *Executive*; he has served *C<sub>3</sub>* as President (and perhaps in other capacities of which I am not aware), and has also been a Regional Director.

Another *Executive* decision you-all should probably be made aware of is the naming of another life-time member: Bob Browne. Bob has been active in *C<sub>3</sub>* since its inception (or, should I say conception? – I think he is actually one of the "founding fathers"), and has held, at one time or another, almost every position (I'm aware of everything except Treasurer ... I'll find out about that), including the relatively newly created "WebMaster" portfolio. So, congratulations, Bob! We'll "officially" recognize Bob at the 2006 *C<sub>3</sub>* Conference at Niagara College (May 25 - 27).

Sudhir is eager to get the next (this!) issue of the newsletter out, and I fear this column is the rate-limiting step. I'll save my comments on the 2005 St. John's conference and on archives for the next time. Until then.....