

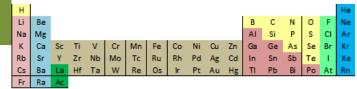
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President's





Dr. Diane Beauchemin

December 31, 2020

Dear members,

It has been a difficult year... to say the least.

Due to the pandemic, the 64th International Conference on Analytical Sciences and Spectroscopy (ICASS) was postponed to July 2021. As a result, the Annual General Meeting could not be held during ICASS. Instead, a virtual meeting was held in August via Zoom. One item of business was forgotten at the meeting: extension of the terms of the current Executive to the end of 2021. According to the by-laws, elections should be conducted in December. However, given that the current Officers were elected in mid-July 2020, Otto Hermann moved and Marc Lamoureux seconded to extend the term of office to 31 December 2021. Please take a few minutes to cast your vote (for/against) by emailing csass.canada@gmail.com by 15 January 2021.

However, we have exciting news to announce: CSASS joined the 21st century!

- ✓ Thanks to Eve Kroukamp, the new Secretary, the society now has an email address (csass.canada@gmail.com) and a LinkedIn account (CSASS).
- ✓ Thanks to Kelly LeBlanc, CSASS now has a twitter account: @CSASS_Canada!

!Stay tuned for discussion post on Linked in & 🔰!

Furthermore, with the COVID-19 vaccines in the process of being distributed, the 64th ICASS becomes increasingly more likely in July 2021! So, 2021 is shaping up to be much better than 2020. Thank you for staying with CSASS through 2020.

Best wishes of health and happiness in 2021,

Diane Beauchemin CSASS President 64th ICASS Chair

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Help shape CSASS

Fill out the survey (by 22 January 2021)

The National Executive Committee wants to hear from you in order to make CSASS more relevant to its members:

Please take a few minutes to fill out the survey that was emailed to you from <u>csass.canada@gmail.com</u> on 23 December 2020.

Yours answers will guide further improvements made to CSASS.



Invitation to contribute to the CSASS Newsletter

Do you have information that could be of interest to other CSASS members? Examples include a <u>description of your company</u> or <u>research activities</u>, <u>useful tricks</u> that save valuable time, <u>historical notes</u> about CSASS, and <u>news</u> that you would like to share.

If so, please e-mail the information to the CSASS Editor, Liyan Xing (lyxing2002@hotmail.com).



"O, Wind. If Winter comes, can Spring be far behind?" - Percy Bysshe Shelley

Stay Safe and Healthy!

