



## Memorandum

To: Chemistry Educator

From: Dr. Venkatesh Shanbhag, Coordinator of USNCO, So. Fla. Section of the ACS

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Greetings on behalf of the executive body of the South Florida Section of the American Chemical Society (SoFL-ACS) and Nova Southeastern University. We would like to thank you for your continued effort in promoting science literacy and excellence. The USNCO seeks to support achievement in high school chemistry and to identify and recognize our nation's most outstanding high school chemistry students and teachers. Your dedication in this process is highly appreciated.

The 43<sup>rd</sup> International Chemistry Olympiad will be held this year in **Ankara, Turkey on July 9-18, 2011**. A team of four students will be selected after several stages of testing to compete on behalf of the USNCO at this international Chemistry Olympiad. So-FIACS administers two levels of tests and selects candidates for participation in the training camp. The Local Qualifier exam (two hours, multiple-choice) will be held on **Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:00 am** at Nova Southeastern University, main campus in Davie. Students can participate in a campus tour of the Nova Southeastern University following the test. Certificates of participation will be provided.

Based on the performance on this local test, we will select the top eleven students to participate in the national exam that will be held on **Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>** on Nova Southeastern University, Davie campus. The schedule and directions are available at the So-FIACS website (<http://soflacs.org>). You can also access information related to the Olympiad, including past exams, at ACS (<http://chemistry.org>). A link to access this information is available at <http://soflacs.org>

If you would like for your students to participate in this competition, please send me the names of potential participants to me at [shanbhag@nova.edu](mailto:shanbhag@nova.edu). If you have any questions, you can contact me by e-mail or by phone at (954) 262-8331.