



CHICAGO SECTION AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY

MONTHLY PROGRAM MEETING

OAKTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE (DES PLAINES)

PLUS REMOTE STREAM AT PURDUE UNIV. NORTHWEST (HAMMOND, IN)

THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2019

Dr. Zafra Lerman

“Science Diplomacy Can Succeed Where Other Diplomacies Have Failed”



**- President -
Malta Conferences Foundation**

Because science can be used to both improve life and cut it short, scientists have a special responsibility to use science for the betterment of humankind. In this talk, we'll discuss how science can be used as a bridge to peace. During the 1980's, when geopolitics threatened world peace, chemists from the US and Soviet Union eased tensions by engaging one another. In 1998, US and Cuban chemists began a relationship in which ACS delegations attended Cuban Chemical Society conferences. Following the 9/11 attack on the US, science diplomacy efforts focused on the Middle East to overcome cultural, political, and religious barriers to help prevent acts of war and terrorism. To help promote stability in the Middle East, every other year since 2003 the [Malta Conferences](#) bring together six Nobel laureates with scientists from 15 Middle East countries including Israel, Palestine, Iran, Iraq, and Jordan for five-day scientific discussions. The Malta Conferences Foundation provides this forum to foster solutions to the scientific and technological challenges of the region: inadequate education, water scarcity, and environmental degradation. In this talk, we'll explore the enormous impact of science diplomacy and how the Malta Conferences have become a powerful force for peace on the world stage.

PROGRAM

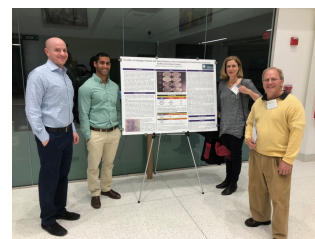
5:30 – 6:30	Registration, Social Hour, and Poster Session
6:00 – 6:30	Pre-Dinner tour
6:30 – 7:30	Dinner
7:30 – 7:45	Announcements
7:45 – 8:45	Lecture by Dr. Lerman

Pre-Dinner Event: GREEN BUILDING TOUR
By Debra Kutka, Sustainability Specialist at Oakton

Undergrad Poster Session

Undergraduates may sign up to present posters describing their research, and the best one will win a prize! Register your poster here:

https://chicagoacs.org/form.php?form_id=48



LOCATIONS: • **MAIN SITE (With live speaker): Oakton Community College (Des Plaines, IL)**
• **REMOTE LOCATION: Purdue University Northwest (Hammond, IN)**

REGISTRATION & INFO: <http://tinyurl.com/chicagoacs-2019-03>

DINNER, available only at Oakton: \$18

Register for dinner by noon Tuesday, March 19

LECTURE IS FREE. - Please register by noon Wednesday, March 20

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