

KU Chemistry Club  
October 23, 2012  
Malott 2001, 6:30pm

Club focuses on outreach and social events, and goals to provide greater experiences in the field of chemistry through plant tours and guest speakers were readdressed for those not present at the first meeting. The upcoming chemical demonstration at Deerfield Elementary's 5<sup>th</sup> grade Halloween party and the annual Carnival of Chemistry on November 18<sup>th</sup> were announced.

Next, the different professional focuses within the chemical field were reviewed from the last meeting. The categories included academia, industry, consulting, federal government, and non-laboratory chemistry. Non-laboratory chemistry encompasses the following sub-categorizations: intellectual property examiner, technology transfer, lobbying, and regulatory chemistry.

Because of the first meeting's majority vote to first explore industrial chemistry, the tour of the industrial and government research organization MRI Global was announced to take place on Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>. MRI Global conducts contract research within the domains of agriculture and food safety, life sciences, national security, transportation, environment, and energy. The tour is scheduled for 1:00 at the MRI Global Headquarters on 425 Volker Boulevard in KC, Mo. It will take approximately 2-3 hours and will be limited to 20 participants on a first-come first-serve basis.

Next, the 2012 Chem. Club shirts were unveiled. The shirts will be included with \$20 dues, and additional shirts will be available at cost. Email [chemclub@ku.edu](mailto:chemclub@ku.edu) if you would like to place an order for your t-shirt, or if you would like to sign up for MRI Global Touring, the Carnival of Chemistry, or the Halloween Demo. Also, if there are any questions feel free to ask them via email as well.

The formal meeting concluded and mole day festivities commenced. These included mole-epordy, a mole-day variant on "Jeopardy", and a taste test of diet root beer floats vs. regular root beer floats. The variance lies in the chemistry, can you taste it? If so, be on the look-out for a chemical inquiry of the month in the undergraduate study room of Malott, room #2041.