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On behalf of the Organizing Committee, we are pleased to invite you to attend the **17th International Symposium on Olefin Metathesis and Related Chemistry (ISOM XVII)**, to be held in **Pasadena California** from Sunday morning, July 29 through noon on Friday August 3, 2007. This symposium is held every two years in varied locations across the world.

The program sessions will begin Sunday morning, July 29<sup>th</sup> following a buffet breakfast. Conference registration will be open on Saturday, July 28<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 to 6:00 PM and then Sunday morning from 8:00-10:00 AM. We encourage you to join us for a cocktail reception on Saturday evening to kick off what we are sure is going to be a fantastic event. We have extended the conference one day beyond earlier symposiums in order to accommodate the more than 50 lectures scheduled to be presented at ISOM XVII.

Many exciting developments have occurred in the area of metathesis since the last symposium. The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences announced in October of 2005; "The Nobel Prize in Chemistry this year goes to Yves Chauvin, Robert Grubbs and Richard Schrock. They have developed an efficient and environmentally-friendly method of building new molecules, with applications in, e.g., the pharmaceuticals industry." The awarding of the Nobel Prize has brought increased exposure to both the academic and corporate communities on the benefits and opportunities available through the use of metathesis technology.

The topics covered at ISOM XVII will include recent developments in catalyst synthesis and applications as well as mechanistic and theoretical investigations. Significant contributions will be made from industry leaders providing insight into the current state of commercial development of olefin metathesis.

Please do consider joining us for this important event being held in what we regard as one of the greatest cities in America. Pasadena is home to Caltech, JPL, world-class museums, turn-of-the-century architecture, and a variety of restaurants and entertainment activities.

We encourage you to consider submitting a contribution either as a short lecture or a poster presenting original unpublished work. Please visit <http://www.isom17.com> for available symposium details.

Please forward this invitation to any colleagues you think may have interest in attending.

We look forward to seeing you at ISOM XVII!

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