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### **GC3:** A Year in Review

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#### The Green Chemistry & Commerce Council (GC3): Business Mainstreaming Green Chemistry

A business-to-business forum that works collaboratively to accelerate the application of green chemistry across industry sectors and supply chains.

<u>Mission</u> is to make green chemistry standard practice in industry, for innovation, public health, and environmental protection.

Started in 2005.







# Core question: How do we mainstream green chemistry?

A time when...

Green chemistry becomes standard practice throughout the economy so that all chemistry is, by default, green chemistry



### Why do companies join the GC3?

#### GC3 members say they joined the GC3 to:

- Be involved in partnerships and projects that bring real business value to the company/individual participating
- Be part of the leading organization of peers who believe in mainstreaming green chemistry and to be part of the solution
- Learn about best practices and network with industry leaders up and down value chains and across industry sectors
- Gain positive benefit for company brand image/reputation with customers and stakeholders



# **Defining Green Chemistry**

- Green chemistry is the design of chemical products and processes that reduce or eliminate the use and generation of hazardous substances.
- Green chemistry is a growing field of practice that builds on conventional chemistry and engineering by applying 12 fundamental principles that guide the design of sustainable chemical products and processes. It applies across the life cycle of a chemical product, including its design, manufacture and use.



# Applying green chemistry

- Practiced primarily at the chemical development and formulation level.
- But product developers, manufacturers, brands, and retailers all play an important role in driving and adopting green chemistry.



#### Green chemistry will be mainstream when:

It is embedded in the sustainability goals, innovation, R&D and sourcing strategies of firms through design guidelines, personnel hiring and reward practices, and metrics

It is an integral part of all chemistry education, including workplace education

It is a core element of all government and private sector funding for chemistry and materials research and sustainability initiatives

Products of green chemistry are readily available throughout the value chain at high performance and reasonable cost

An ecosystem of green chemistry entrepreneurs is flourishing







#### GC3 Strategic Research Initiative Reports



American Sustainable Business Council

#### Making the Business & Economic Case for Safer Chemistry

Report for the American Sustainable Business Council and Green Chemistry & Commerce Council



Prepared by Trucost April 24, 2015



Advancing Green Chemistry: Barriers to Adoption & Ways to Accelerate Green Chemistry in Supply Chains

A Report for the Green Chemistry & Commerce Council



http://greenchemistryandcommerce.org/



The four accelerators should be part of the toolbox to drive change



adoption

#### An Agenda to Mainstream Green Chemistry

#### **Green Chemistry & Commerce Council**



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# **Priority Strategies**

- 1. Enhance Market Dynamics by continuing to build a comprehensive, ongoing understanding of green chemistry enablers, market drivers, and obstacles.
- 2. Support Smart Policies by designing and advocating for innovative state and federal policies that increase the supply of and demand for green chemistry solutions.
- 3. Foster Collaboration by facilitating the flow of information about green chemistry solutions and assembling partnerships to tackle priority challenges.
- 4. Inform the Marketplace by disseminating information about green chemistry business, economic, and health benefits, as well as opportunities and funding.
- 5. Track Progress by improving green chemistry metrics and periodically gathering and reporting data on progress.



# **Priority Actions**

- 1. Promote "Sustainable Chemistry R&D Act of 2015" or similar
- 2. Convene a National Summit on Green Chemistry Education
- 3. Developing a program to track progress, including key metrics
- Continue to advance collaborative supply chain partnerships



# How do we move from concept to implementation?

- Foster supply chain collaboration to drive innovation and scale
- Develop tools to support collaboration, innovation and action
- Support smart policies that build federal leadership and accelerate research and commercialization
- Develop clear case examples of barriers and successes
- Tell more coherent, compelling stories and business case.



### **GC3 Project Groups**

Innovation





Education







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**Green Chemistry & Commerce Council's** 

#### **GREEN & BIO-BASED CHEMISTRY START-UP EVENT**

Monday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016, 3:00 pm - 6:30 pm Burlington, Vermont - Hosted by Seventh Generation

By Invitation Only - Registration will close at 40

#### Attend to:

- Discover new ingredients/materials for products
- Build relationships with innovative start-ups
- Find new partnership and investment opportunities
- Help accelerate green chemistry start-ups



### Preservatives Collaborative Innovation Challenge

Goal: Develop a model for collaborative pre-competitive effort to develop and Commercialize Safer Chemicals

- Goal to expand palette of safe and effective preservatives for personal care, household and institutional products
- Competing companies collaborating to accelerate innovation to benefit all



#### Need Statement & Development Criteria for New Preservatives for Personal Care & Household Products



Designed to:

Motivate and guide R&D within the chemical supplier, entrepreneurial, and academic communities

Guide collaborative sponsorship of technology searches, R&D, testing, and evaluation of new technologies

http://greenchemistryandcommerce.org/projects/preservatives-project



### **Green Chemistry Innovation Portal**

- Connect and expand green chemistry community online
- Foster discussions & information exchange within the green chemistry community



#### greenchemistryportal.org



#### JOINT STATEMENT ON USING GREEN CHEMISTRY AND SAFER ALTERNATIVES TO ADVANCE SUSTAINABLE PRODUCTS

Retailers are on the front lines of consumer concerns about the health and environmental impacts of chemicals in products. In response, retailers want to leverage their ability to help catalyze innovation and new solutions. Since spring 2014, thought leaders from seven major retailers<sup>12</sup> and five major chemical manufacturers<sup>23</sup> have been in dialogue about improving product sustainability and finding ways to accelerate the development and scale up of green chemistry solutions as well as increase transparency in the value chain. Green chemistry, focused on the design and application of safer chemical products and processes, is a core element of many firm's sustainability and/or sustainable chemistry programs. Retailers have shared feedback from their customers, their concerns about hazardous chemicals in products, and their priorities for safer products. Chemical manufacturers have shared publicly available information on their research, development, and commercialization processes, their processes for evaluating product safety and sustainability, the types of information they need to make the business case for pursuing green chemistry solutions, and their challenges in bringing these alternatives to market.



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http://www.greenchemistryandcommerce.org/projects/retail

### GC3 Safer Chemistry Training for Business

#### GC3 Safer Chemistry Training Webinars

A full list of our educational safer chemistry webinars is shown in the table below. Click on any webinar title (in the first column) to learn more about the webinar and to view an archived version. You can also click on a presenter's name to read a brief bio. Each presenter has been assigned a *chemistry rating* indicating the level of chemistry knowledge recommended for viewing their presentation. The ratings range from 1, indicating no specific chemistry knowledge needed, to 5, indicating an advanced chemistry education is recommended.

Webinar Title and Description	Presenters	Chemistry Rating
Foundations for Green Chemistry and Green Engineering		
Green Chemistry: Benign by Design	John Warner Warner Babcock Institute for Green Chemistry	-
One of the fathers of green chemistry, Dr. John Warner, provides an introduction to green chemistry, as well as ideas for how to build this concept into education and practice.		
Introduction to Green Engineering	Julie Zimmerman Yale University	-
Green engineering applies principles similar to those of green chemistry to process		
principles, tools, and examples of this practice.	Matthew Eckelman Northeastern University	
	Julie Schoenung University of California Davis	-
The Role of Policy in Green Chemistry Research and Adoption	Robert Giraud	-
This webinar provides an overview of the range of policies that can affect chemical design and product development and adoption, with examples from a major chemical manufacturer.	DuPont Company	
	Joel Tickner Green Chemistry & Commerce Council	-
Green Chemistry in Business		
The Value of Green Chemistry	Helen Holder Hewlett-Packard	2º

#### On-line green chemistry professional education

http://greenchemistry andcommerce.org/saf er-chemistrytraining/webinars/

## **GC3** Innovators Internship



- Students spend 10-12 weeks at GC3 member company, learning the skills needed by industry in a sustainability position
- Interns attend the GC3 Innovators Roundtable
- This year's internship openings are at:
  - HP
  - 2 at VF
  - Company in Minnesota



### Lessons learned

- There is strong interest in value chain and academic to industry collaboration to accelerate green chemistry.
- Innovative efforts and change are not always simple to implement - patience and perseverance
- Need to expand the network more sectors, levels of the value chain, C Suite and international
- We need to learn, test, and act



### Roundtable desired outcomes

- Learn about new business strategies and emerging policy issues that influence the application of green chemistry in industry
- Network and discuss challenges and solutions to mainstreaming green chemistry
- Form new business partnerships
- Design and get involved in strategic, collaborative GC3 projects





# Logistics

- Agenda
- Receptions
- Logistics
- Staff/Advisory Committee
- Evaluations



# GC3 Advisory Committee

- John Frazier
- Bob Israel, Valspar
- Al Iannuzzi, Johnson & Johnson
- Rich Liroff, Investor Environmental Heath Network
- Roger McFadden, Replenish and Roger McFadden LLC
- Ken Zarker, Washington State Department of Ecology
- Al Innes, Minnesota Department of Pollution Control
- James Ewell, GreenBlue
- Bob Buck, Chemours



### **Ground Rules**

- Respectful, honest dialogue and listening
- Please keep electronic device use to a minimum (or outside)
- Chatham House Rule: Participants are free to use the information received, but neither the identity nor the affiliation of the speaker(s), nor that of any other participant, may be revealed

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