



The American Chemical Society, Division of Medicinal Chemistry Vision Statement and Strategic Initiatives

Vision Statement: The Division is a global authority and advocate for the practice of medicinal chemistry with the goal of improving human health through drug discovery research and education.

Our 4 strategic initiatives:

1. Provide, support and advocate education in medicinal chemistry.

On-line courses, webcasts and publications to be offered by Division
An electronic version of ARMC that is searchable by both text and structure.
Supply links from WWW page to all pertinent medchem sites and databases.
Set up mechanisms to involve retired industrial medicinal chemists in graduate student training.
Set up a MEDI speaker bureau to give talks at medchem schools and undergraduate-only colleges
Increase participation in the ACS speakers bureau.
Establish support for undergraduate research efforts

2. Be a strong advocate for interdisciplinary, cutting edge research as reflected in our programming, policy and global outreach.

Symposia that provide medicinal chemists with advances in the basic understanding of interdisciplinary core concepts in drug discovery.
Increase collaboration with international societies to become more global in outlook.
Enhance national meeting content to provide a forum for people who work in related areas to meet and interact.
Sponsor or organize a newly emerging therapeutic target conference.
Get involved with ACS Prospectives at the planning level (or develop our own workshops).
Lunch and Learn initiative.

3. Increase opportunities for member participation and involvement in Division affairs.

Provide employment assistance, professional development and networking opportunities to help scientists and facilitate career advancement.
Establish additional member recognition programs.
Interface with YCC and Women's Chemist Committee
Establish a mentorship program.

4. Enhance communication by targeting:

a. the membership, other scientists and stakeholders. More active communication to members. Organize and communicate information electronically to serve as a nucleus to the medicinal scientific community. Create mechanism to better link academic, government and industrial medicinal chemistry. Make website more interactive.

b. policy makers and the public to improve perception of medicinal chemistry and drug discovery, and influence scientific policy. Work with ACS to publicize ACSMEDI symposia.