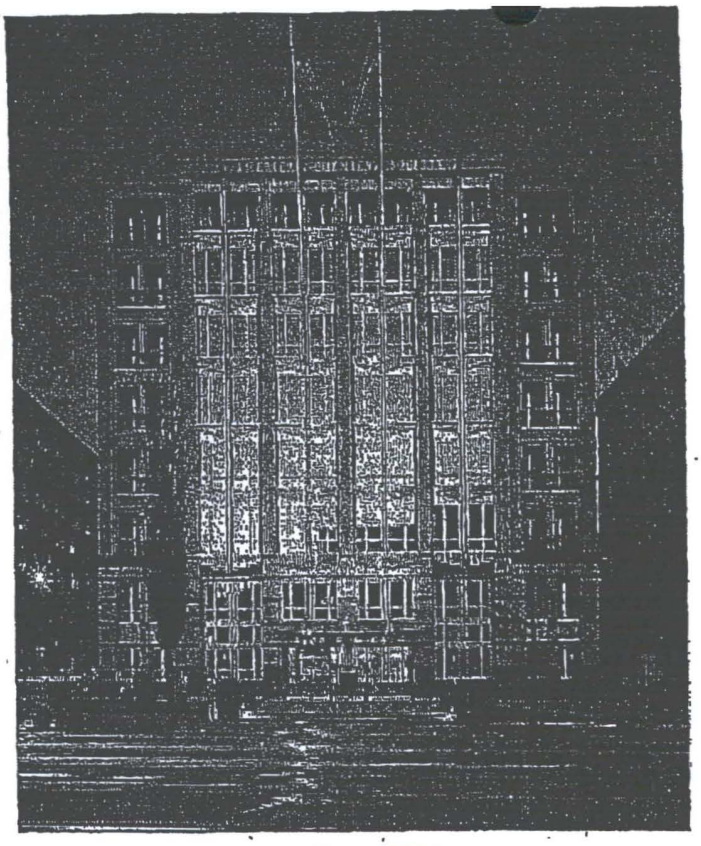


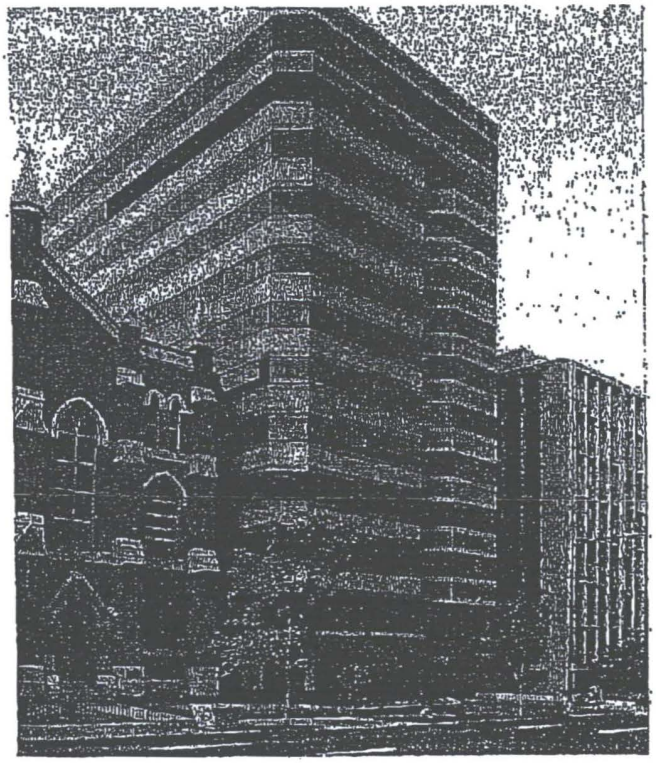
HEADQUARTERS BUILDING

In 1941, the Headquarters building of the American Chemical Society (ACS) was first established at 1155 16th Street, N.W., in Washington D.C. This first building stood from 1941 to 1958. In 1959, a new Headquarters building was resurrected on the same site. This building stood from 1959 to 1994. In 1994, the Headquarters building was renovated and completed in 1995. As seen on the left, the ACS Headquarters building stands to this day as a testimony of the ACS moving forward into the 21st century.

ACS is a non-profit organization whose major activity is gathering and distributing chemical and chemically related information. The Society was founded in New York City in 1876 with 133 members.

At present, the American Chemical Society is the world's largest scientific society with membership exceeding 160,000. This membership includes people from the industry, the government, the educational field, and the nonacademic arena . As of 1999, the membership breakdown is comprised as follows: Industry (59.1%), Government (6.8%), Educational field (23.1%),. Nonacademic (4.1%) and Non-specified (6.8%).

The Headquarters building consists of eight floors of office space, an outdoor patio, and a two-level parking garage in the basement. Approximately 300 staff occupy this building. On the first floor when you enter the lobby area, one will note a mural depicting chemistry. The mural was created on site and finished in early 1960. The artist was Buell Mullen. Executed in stainless steel and plastic, it represents an artistic concept of several basic aspects of chemistry. Depicted are molecules of glucose sugar and butadiene, electron photomicrographs of inorganic substances, force patterns, and crystal patterns.



OTHMER BUILDING

In 1988, the Othmer building was constructed at 1550 M Street , N.W., Washington, D.C. then a parking lot. The building was named for Donald F. Othmer who worked in the field of chemistry and was a member of the American Chemical Society. The building, as seen on the left, was actually dedicated to Donald F. Othmer in January 22, 1990.

Donald F. Othmer was a chemical engineer who had an esteemed career as an educator, inventor, entrepreneur and philanthropist. He helped developed one of the most powerful conventional explosives, RDX, which was made from acetic acid and utilized in World War II. He was a founding editor of the "Kirk-Othmer Encyclopedia of Chemical Technology," a multi-volume reference work now in its 4th edition. He lived from 1904 to 1995.

Dr. Othmer and his wife, Mildred E. Topp, were not only members of the ACS, but were involved in and made a substantial contribution to the "Campaign for Chemistry" program. This program was founded in 1988 to raise capital funds to support existing programs at ACS. The program ended in 1992 and raised over 28 millions dollars. They also contributed and supported the "Project Seed Endowment" program which is still run by the Chemical Abstract Services (CAS), ACS Education & International
Activities Division and ACS Treasury Office. This program aids in raising funds for summer programs for economically challenged high school students.

The Othmer building stands next to the Headquarters building and consist twelve (12) floors of office space, a rooftop patio, and a two-level garage in the basement. Approximately 160 ACS staff and one tenant on the eleventh (11th) floor occupy this building.

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BUILDING TOURS

Welcome to the American Chemical Society (ACS)!

The Washington Headquarters consist of two buildings; the Headquarters building and the Othmer Building. You are now in the lobby of the Headquarters building.

The Headquarters building consist of eight floors of office space, an outdoor patio, and a two-level parking garage underground. Approximately 350 staff occupy the Headquarters building.

The ACS has occupied this location since 1941 in three different buildings. The current building was completely renovated in 1995.

1st Floor:

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Marvel Hall

Here, off the lobby, is Marvel Hall Conference Rooms, named in honor of Professor Carl Shipp Marvel – who was president of the Society in 1945. Marvel Hall was built with donations from friends and students of the late Carl Marvel. Here is a bust of Carl Marvel commemorating his contributions to the field of

polymer chemistry. The bronze sculpture by Charles Parks was commissioned by the DuPont Company and will be permanently displayed here in Washington.

Marvel Hall accommodates approximately 200 people and can be divided into four private meeting rooms (A,B,C, D) by unfolding moveable walls. The conference rooms have a built-in projection screen,. sound system, video play-back, audio record and playback, and kitchen. Marvel Hall opens onto the outdoor patio.

The plaque outside Marvel Hall lists the names of members and employees who contributed to the overall ACS building fund. Over 600 companies also made contributions to the building fund.

Also, on the first floor, we have our Human Resources department, Mail and Shipping and Receiving Operations, Copy Center, and Security office.

2nd Floor

The second floor is occupied by Communications and Information Technology SP&A (Society Programs and Administration) departments.

3rd Floor

The third floor is occupied by Finance and Facilities departments.

4th Floor

The fourth floor is the Executive floor and is occupied by the Executive Director,

the Secretary, the Treasurer, and the Chief Administrative Officer. It also has a Boardroom and a conference room. The elevator corridor is decorated with all the past and present chairpersons and presidents of the Society.

5th Floor

The fifth floor is occupied by the Publications Division (Sales and Marketing department and New Product Development) and the ACS Library.

6th Floor

The sixth floor is occupied by the Publications Division (Chemical & Engineering News and Publishing & Creative Services).

7th Floor

The seventh floor is occupied by the Publications Division (Publishing Operations and Special Publications which consist of the following: Analytical Chemistry, Environmental Science and Technology (ES&T), LabGuide, Chemical Innovation, Today's Chemist at Work, and Modern Drug Discovery.

8th Floor

The eighth floor is occupied by the Education/International Activities Division. Education consists of the following departments: Continuing Education, Professional Training, Academic Programs in Higher Education, K to 12 Science, and Kids and Chemistry.

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The Othmer building was built in 1988 and named for Donald F. and Mildred E. Topp Othmer who made substantial contributions to the American Chemical Society. The building is occupied by approximately 160 ACS staff and one tenant on the eleventh (11th) floor (Industrial Research Institute).

1st Floor:

The first floor consist of a conference room which can be divided into two separate meeting rooms. The conference room has a built-in projection screen, public address system, video/audio record and playback system, and kitchen.

2nd Floor:

The second floor is occupied by the Petroleum Research Fund (PRF) which provides grants in support of advanced scientific education and fundamental research. A special trust fund was established in 1944 by seven oil companies as a charitable, scientific, and educational trust. More than 300 institutions now have active PRF grants. Grants totaling approximately $12 to $13 million dollars are made each year.

This floor is also occupied by the Awards department. Awards are given in recognition of outstanding chemists and chemical engineers by the Society's National Award Program and Awards of ACS Local Sections and Divisions.

3rd Floor:

Residing on this floor is Legislative and Government Affairs department that works closely with staff on Capital Hill on scientific issues, such as, public and environmental affairs and science policy and member involvement.

4th Floor:

This floor is occupied by the Meeting, Exposition, and Divisional department which is part of the Membership Division. This department is primarily responsible for all preparations in the planning of national meetings (two per year) and assistance in the planning of 10 to 15 regional and divisional meetings. Attendance at national meetings (which may be joint with other societies and countries) may frequently exceed 10,000. Between 3,000 and 5,000 papers are presented at national meetings. A great amount of detail must be tracked (including hotel reservations, meeting rooms, registration, teleconferencing, social events, and meal selections) to name just a few.

5th, 6th, and 7th Floors

The 5th and 6th floors will be occupied by Information Technology Pubs which is part of the Publication Division. The department is made up of four units: Editorial and Office Systems Support; Business Systems Support; Electronic Production; and Research and Development. These floors along with the 7th floor were previously occupied by the U.S. Institute of Peace which was an ACS

tenant. The 7th floor consist of ChemCenter, the ACS Video Teleconferencing Room, and Copyright Office.

8th, 10th, and 12th Floors:

The 8th, 10th, and 12th floors are also occupied by departments assigned to the Membership Division. Membership Activities, ACS Prospectives and Career Services are on the 8th floor. The International Activities department which is under the Educational and International Activities Division and Industry Relations are on the 10th floor. In addition, a sub-group of ACS, Council of Scientific Society Presidents, is located on the 10th floor. Local Section and Community Activities, Membership Division Director's office, Members Programs and Member Insurance are on the 12th floor.

9th Floor:

The 9th floor is occupied by the Purchasing office, the Minority Affairs office, and by the Office of Society Services (OSS). OSS was established just over two years ago and serves as the primary point of contact for the Society's members and other customers. OSS receives from 1,500 to 2,000 phone calls each week. The service representatives are trained to respond to routine inquiries about the Society and process phone, mail, and fax orders for ACS products.

11th Floor:

The 11th floor is occupied by Industrial Research Institute, our only tenant in the

Building.

Concluding Remarks:

All of the Society's energy is directed to projects and services in the public interest. Our Congressional Charter, which incorporated the ACS as a nonprofit association in the public interest, gave us the charge that still directs us today: "To encourage in the broadest and most liberal manner the advancement of chemistry in all its branches . . . thereby fostering public welfare and education, aiding the development of our country's industries, and adding to the material prosperity and happiness of our people."

It has been our pleasure having you visit us here today. Your comments and concerns are welcome. Much of the effort which has gone into making our programs and activities so successful have come from individuals, such as yourselves, acting as volunteers.