



Green Chemistry & Commerce Council

MEMBER UPDATE

GC3 Virtual Roundtable – Registration Opening Soon

Don't forget to set aside time to attend the 2020 GC3 Virtual Roundtable this fall! It's free and registration opens soon. The Roundtable will focus on three themes central to our collective mission: Innovation, Collaboration, and Commercialization. Three sessions will be devoted to each theme in a sequence that will begin with higher-level strategic perspectives, and wrap up with focused, moderated member discussions.

GC3 Virtual Roundtable Schedule

Innovation Series: Tues, Sept. 22; Thurs. Sept 24; Wed. Sept 30*

Collaboration Series: Tues. Oct. 6; Thurs. Oct. 8; Wed. Oct. 14*

Commercialization Series: Tues. Oct. 20; Thurs. Oct 22; Wed Oct. 28*

**Wednesday session dates have been modified since the announcement in May*

All sessions will begin at 11:00am EST and run for 1 or 1.5 hours as indicated on the agenda.

Registration will open mid-August. Please save the dates and plan to join us!

Major Progress on Sustainable Chemistry R&D Act

The GC3 Sustainable Chemistry Alliance has led efforts for over two years to pass the Sustainable Chemistry R&D Act, a bill that will create an integrated federal effort to help address barriers to development and commercialization of sustainable chemistry capacity in the US. This bill has been introduced in every session of Congress since 2006, but two years ago, the GC3 Alliance put together a comprehensive, bipartisan advocacy plan to continually push this bill toward the finish line. The GC3 Alliance led a broad coalition in support of the bill, creatively working to add the bill as a provision to the must-pass National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). The Sustainable Chemistry R&D Act was included in both House and Senate versions of NDAA, both of which were passed in July and now head to conference.

The GC3 Alliance is already begun planning for post-election activity in DC and seeks GC3 [member input](#) on several potential areas of policy focus, including Climate, Safer Choice and Plastics. Please take a few minutes to read through and share your thoughts. And, for more information about the GC3 Alliance, contact [Michele Jalbert](#).

Collaborative Innovation Project on Silicones Seeks Input

The GC3 Silicones Project is working to advance the development of more sustainable alternatives to silicone chemistry currently used in skin care, hair care, and cosmetic products. The project group is developing a specifications document to inform the development of new ingredients by both new and existing solution providers. To ensure the work is a current reflection of market needs and priorities, we are asking manufacturers of cosmetics, skin care and hair care products to complete a simple [two-question survey](#). All results will be blinded and compiled by GC3, and company name will not be attributed to responses. Surveys should be completed by August 5. For more information, contact [Julie Manley](#).

Get Involved in the Article Transparency Project

Help shape the structure of information sharing for the chemical composition of articles between retailers and suppliers. Retailers face increasing demands from customers for better visibility into what chemicals are used in articles. The GC3 Retailer Leadership Council (RLC) has drafted a proposal to design a system to collect information and create a common approach for the retail sector to understand the chemical constituents of articles, building on their Statement on Chemical Innovation Priorities and Transparency Roadmap. This retailers' proposal for sharing of chemical composition information is now ready for input and provides a unique opportunity for suppliers to discuss and help revise the retailer's proposal, sharing their learnings and feedback about chemical data collection and disclosure. Contact [Rachel Simon](#) for more information.

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