

# 2024 FLORIDA INORGANIC AND MATERIALS SYMPOSIUM (FIMS 2024)

Dear Professor,

We are excited to announce that we will again have a **Drago Lecture** at FIMS this year, supported by Prof. Christou's Drago Endowment. The Drago Lecturer is an invited professional, typically from outside academia and potentially from anywhere in North America, who will present a 45+15 min talk on their career since their PhD studies, and the various activities, opportunities, challenges, changes, and general ups-and-downs that they might have experienced during their career journey. The lecture will be targeted at the students. This year, the **FIMS 2024 Drago Lecture** will be a joint one presented by two speakers:

## *An Industrial Two-Body Problem*

**Dr. Stephanie Castro and Dr. Michael Wemple**  
The Sherwin-Williams Co., Cleveland, Ohio

As a reminder:

1. The FIMS 2024 meeting will be held in the Chemistry Department, University of Florida, Gainesville, from Friday afternoon, October 11<sup>th</sup> to the end of Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024.
2. If you would like one of your students to give an oral presentation, please e-mail us asap at [FIMS@chem.ufl.edu](mailto:FIMS@chem.ufl.edu) with their name and email address. Only one member of a group—either an undergraduate or a graduate student—may present a talk; no postdoctoral or faculty speakers are allowed. The talks will be 18 + 2 minute ACS-style presentations.
3. There is **no limit on the number of posters from each group**, and there will be multiple poster prizes, with separate ones for graduate and undergraduate posters
4. Of course, some groups may wish to participate but not present a talk or a poster—that's fine, all are welcome. **Registration is free**, but we need a record of attendance to prepare badges and decide food purchases, so we ask everyone planning to attend to **PLEASE REGISTER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE! Deadline is September 13.**

**Further information and the registration form** can be found at the following link:

<https://christou.chem.ufl.edu/events/fims-2024-2/>

The FIMS program will be posted on the website a few days before the symposium. A list of hotels and directions have already been posted. Please make your reservations as soon as possible.

Please forward this email to the students in your group who will be attending.  
If you have any questions, please feel free to e-mail us at [FIMS@chem.ufl.edu](mailto:FIMS@chem.ufl.edu).

Thank you

**Doory Dan, Charlotte Bailey and Naomi Selejan**  
**FIMS 2024 Student Organizers**