Fall 2015 ACS National Meeting: Keep it going in Boston

The latest national ACS meeting was held at Boston Convention Centre in August 2015. The thing which has attracts chemists from all around the globe to Boston is the vibe of the city which led to an increase in the attendance for the national meeting. The theme of the national meeting was “Innovation from the discovery to application” with special focus on new and emerging biological targets. The theme was discussed in numerous seminars detailing the long process of filing of a new drug application which starts with discovery of a new and potent chemical entity in laboratory. There were focused symposiums explaining each and every step of the filing process which was good for current graduate students giving them a feel of intricacies of the process in an industrial setting. In my experience ACS national meeting is a budding ground for prospective chemists from all backgrounds to meet with their peers which inspire them to pursue sciences as a career. The Kavli lecture on “reengineering chemistry” by George Whitesides was a big draw and featured numerous interfacial facets of chemistry. My favorite part of the ACS national meetings was the poster sessions (organic & medicinal chemistry) as the interaction is directly with person who performed the work. I got to see research work from a wide variety of chemistry topics from my peers which inspires me to do novel work. Overall attending ACS national meeting was a very pleasant experience for me and I would recommend it to anyone who is thinking about a career in chemistry.

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