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## AVS HUDSON MOHAWK CHAPTER -- RECAP of 2009 ACTIVITIES

I wanted to send a fast message to our chapter members to recap our 2009 activities, thank everyone for their help in getting the chapter off to a very strong start, and to wish everyone a safe and enjoyable holiday season.

2009 was a busy year for us - our chapter was approved in March of 2009. We hosted a kick off meeting at GE-GRC on April 30; about 30 people attended this meeting and we exchanged a lot of valuable information. Our first scientific meeting was held at the Holiday Inn, Wolf Road on June 23; this meeting had 6 talks, 11 poster presentations, and about 35 attendees. Eric Bersch, from the College of Nanoscale Science and Engineering, won the best presentation award. The second scientific meeting was held at The College of Nanoscale Science and Engineering on Oct 13; this meeting consisted of 6 talks, 21 poster presentations, and had about 52 people. Saurabh Garg, from RPI, won the best presentation award. We are gaining momentum with each meeting!

During the fall, a LinkedIn Group was formed and attracted a few new researchers to our chapter. We will update the LinkedIn web page as we plan new events. We are also glad to hear that our colleagues in Western NY/Toronto Canada are proposing a new student chapter of AVS; we look forward to working with them.

We will continue to host two meetings a year, one in the spring and one in the fall. We are also assembling a proposal to host the 2011 Surface Analysis Symposium, which is sponsored by the Applied Surface Science Division of AVS. There are a number of educational outreach programs in our local community – this is an opportunity where we can also have an impact going forward. If you are interested in helping with the Surface Analysis 2011 Symposium, educational outreach programs, and/or have any other ideas; please let me know.

Best wishes for a Safe and Happy Holiday!

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