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**Dear John,**



**Karl Janowitz**

### **Message from the President**

November is here, that exciting month that serves as a bridge between fall and winter. A highlight of the month is the U. S. holiday of Thanksgiving. This is an outstanding opportunity to reflect on everything for which we are thankful.

It is a wonderful time to reflect on A.P.P.L.E. and its accomplishments over the past twenty-five years.

I once again want to take the opportunity to thank you for all your contributions to make A.P.P.L.E. the unique and successful organization that it is.

Best wishes,

*Karl*

Dr. Karl P. Janowitz  
President

#### **Mission Statement:**

"The American Professional Partnership for Lithuanian Education (A.P.P.L.E.) is a volunteer international non-profit educational organization. With the support of the Lithuanian Ministry of Education and Science, A.P.P.L.E. partners with Lithuanian educators to foster the implementation of innovative educational approaches that contribute to the development of a democratic society."

**A.P.P.L.E. to Support Lithuanian Participation in Science Olympiad**



As A.P.P.L.E. winds down its activities, funds will be distributed to various organizations promoting educational activities in Lithuania. One of those organizations is "Lietuvos Gamtos Mokslu Olimpiadu Asociacija - Lithuanian Natural Science Olympiad Association." This association organizes Lithuanian participation in various internal and external science Olympiads including the Chemistry Olympics. The decision by A.P.P.L.E.'s Board to support this organization stems from the generosity of the Society for Analytical Chemists of Pittsburgh to support A.P.P.L.E. with donations for 17 years.

A.P.P.L.E.'s support will allow 3 additional gifted students out of a team of 6 to attend the International Junior Science Olympiad in South Korea in December. The students will be designated the A.P.P.L.E. - Lithuanian Team and students will be provided with shirts indicating that A.P.P.L.E. is their sponsor. This name will also be used in all media reports. As thanks for A.P.P.L.E.'s support, the organization will also recognize A.P.P.L.E. as a co-sponsor of other events they hold in the coming year.

The International Junior Science Olympiad (IJSO) is a competition in science for students who are fifteen years or younger on 31 st December of the competition year. IJSO aims to promote interest in science among school students, exposing them to problem solving, critical thinking and experimentation. Over the years IJSO aims to positively impact science and mathematics education at school level.

IJSO is held in the first week of December of every year, in different countries. Currently around 50 member countries participate every year.

The academic competitions of the IJSO includes challenging tests in topics of science, both as theory questions and practical tasks. The tests are designed to address students' understanding of concepts, and their ability to apply concepts to the situations described in the tests.

An important aim of the Olympiads is for young people to experience different cultures and to bring about interactions between students from across the world. The Olympiads thus have a potential to promote global peace and understanding.

Paulius L. Tamosiunas, Director of the Science Education Centre in Vilnius, and a two-time winner of silver medals while representing Lithuania in the International Chemistry Olympics, stated "It is a competition for gifted science students and, according to our experience over the last 7 years, is one of the best motivation for further academic career."

**Lithuanian Scholars' Fund**

The deadline for the final round of Lithuanian Scholars Fund Grant proposals has passed. Our proposal evaluators are working hard reviewing the proposals. We hope to make an announcement of winners in early December. Watch our website and this EZine for announcement of the winners.

### A.P.P.L.E. Video Finalized - New Information

At the reception for A.P.P.L.E. held at the Lithuanian Embassy, a short video with a collection of photos and media clips was shown by Amanda Muliolis. At that point it was a work in progress. The DVD that she has prepared contains several presentations - one is all 25 years in pictures and which is 90 min. long. The pictures were placed into 5-year segments. The pictures are shown with background music. Also included is the 10-year presentation prepared by Romas Sakadolskis. A short video from the beginning of the 15-year celebration in Vilnius and a sound recording of the opening speeches in Klaipėda on our 20-year celebration by President Adamkus and Barbara Henriques as well as the A.P.P.L.E. facts file listing most of our accomplishments during the 25 years are included. The cost of the DVD is \$10.00 and can be ordered by sending the money and your correct address to Amanda Muliolis, 1820 Dansy Dr. Euclid, OH 44117-2010.

Questions may be directed to Amanda at [atmuliolis@gmail.com](mailto:atmuliolis@gmail.com)

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Thank you for your support of A.P.P.L.E. over the last 25 years. We are no longer soliciting donations. Feel free to support one of the many organizations supporting Lithuania.

This electronic newsletter is designed for quick delivery of A.P.P.L.E.-related news to an audience that includes current A.P.P.L.E. members, friends of A.P.P.L.E. and interested potential members both within the United States and Lithuania. Note that because of compositional software constraints, we are not able to include proper Lithuanian characters in words and names.

Increasing communication and the exchange of ideas among our members increases the strength of our organization and our ability to be relevant to our Lithuanian constituents. Exciting and pertinent events occur all year round, and we want to keep all of you abreast of what is happening, when it's happening.

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