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CHEMISTRY COUNCIL OF NEW JERSEY CONFIRMS IN-PERSON 37TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE, RELEASES CONFERENCE AGENDA CCNJ RETURNS TO THE OCEAN RESORT IN ATLANTIC CITY, NJ MAY 2-3, 2022

News Release

TRENTON - (January 31, 2022) – Dennis Hart, executive director of the Chemistry Council of New Jersey (CCNJ), today confirmed that the 37th Annual Conference will take place May 2-3, 2022, at the Ocean Resort & Casino in Atlantic City.

The Council successfully held its first in-person conference since March 2020, last October, where more than 170 people safely attended and participated in the day and half event. "Based on the current guidance regarding Omicron and our experience last October, the Board and our staff feel that we can move forward with our plans to host an in-person event in May. Of course, we will continue to adhere to all CDC, state, and local guidance for such events," said Dennis Hart.

The 37th Annual Conference will feature keynote presentations by Lee Rubin, a management consultant, Dr. Tessa West, professor at NYU and author of the recently published book entitled, "Jerks at Work: Toxic Coworkers and What to Do About Them," and Chris Jahn, president and CEO of the American Chemistry Council.

In addition to the three keynote speakers, the conference will feature five general sessions and four breakout sessions, on topics ranging from safety to climate change regulation. "It is always a challenge to surpass the programming from the previous year when planning our annual conference, but we are glad that even during these unusual times we are able to produce and present such a quality event," said Elvin Montero, CCNJ's deputy executive director and lead planner for the event.

Last week, the Council confirmed that, as of January 28, 2022, it will not require attendees to show proof of vaccination or require a negative COVID-19 test to attend the conference. CCNJ is asking that all attendees self-report their vaccination status during the registration process. More than 95% of the 2021 conference attendees self-reported that they were fully vaccinated.

The agenda and information about the upcoming conference, which is open to attendees from non-member companies, can be found on the <u>CCNJ Conference Website</u>.



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The Chemistry Council of New Jersey, founded in 1955, is the trade and advocacy organization representing the interests of more than 60 New Jersey manufacturers and 45 firms in the business of chemistry. Our membership consists of large and small companies that are part of New Jersey's chemical, pharmaceutical, consumer packaged goods, petroleum, flavor & fragrances, and precious metals industries. The CCNJ is committed to a better quality of life through science.