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**The Executive Council Hosts the May Meeting**

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# VIRGINIA BLUE RIDGE SECTION AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY

**686<sup>th</sup> SECTION MEETING**  
Hosted by the Executive Council  
Tour of Inorganic Ventures, Christiansburg VA

**Tuesday, May 30, 2017**

## PROGRAM

4:45 to 5:00 PM – Arrive and Assemble  
5:00 to 5:30 PM – Presentation  
5:30 to 6:00 PM – Tour of Facilities  
6:00 PM to 7:30 PM – Dinner at Cracker Barrel

## RSVP

Reservations for the Tour must be made by noon on Monday, May 29 (the day before the meeting) by phoning Paul Deck (540) 231-3493 (office) or by email to [pdeck@vt.edu](mailto:pdeck@vt.edu).

**Please note that there is a limit of about 20 persons for the tour. Reservations will be made on a first-to-respond basis.**

After the presentation and tour, our plan is to assemble for dinner at Cracker Barrel, located at 30 Hampton Blvd NE, Christiansburg (540) 382-2750 (near Exit 118 on I-81).



**Dr. Brian Alexander**  
**Vice President for Technical Operations**  
**Inorganic Ventures**

Our tour at Inorganic Ventures will be organized and presented by Dr. Brian Alexander, Vice President for Technical Operations. Dr. Alexander is an earth scientist specializing in geochemistry. His research has focused on radiogenic isotope and rare earth element studies of natural waters and chemical sediments, as well as trace metal analyses using ICP techniques. A native of southwest Virginia, Brian received his B.Sc. in geology from Virginia Tech, and a M.Sc. and Ph.D. in geochemistry from Penn State and Jacobs University Bremen, respectively.

Inorganic Ventures is based in Christiansburg, Virginia. Since 1985, the company has manufactured high quality analytical inorganic standards, specializing in certified custom reference materials with a focus on ICP, ICP-MS, IC, atomic absorption, wet chemistry, and QC applications. Inorganic Ventures is accredited to ISO Guide 34 and ISO 17025 by A2LA and is ISO 9001 registered by SAI Global. Inorganic Ventures also serves its international customers with a European distribution center located in Santander, Spain. Visit [inorganicventures.com](http://inorganicventures.com) for more information.

## **Congratulations to Our 50- and 60-Year Members**

- Dr. Michael J. Basile (Roanoke, 50 years)
- Dr. Paul A. Bouis (Lexington, 50 years)
- Dr. Thomas G. Coker (Rockbridge, 50 years)
- Dr. Richard D. Gandour (Blacksburg, 50 years)
- Dr. George R. Lester (Salem, 60 years)

### **Next VBRS Meeting**

The next ACS-VBRS Meeting is scheduled for the last week in September, 2017, at Virginia Tech. Stay tuned for more details. The speaker will be Dr. E. Johan Foster, Associate Professor of Materials Science and Engineering at Virginia Tech. Johan will speak on the diverse applications of nanocomposite materials.

### **2017-2018 Tentative VBRS Schedule**

October 2017	Ferrum College
November 2017	Lynchburg College
January 2018	Hollins University
February 2018	Roanoke College
March 2018	Roanoke Valley Governor's School
April 2018	Radford University

### **Other Upcoming Meetings**

Fall 2017 ACS National – Washington DC, August 20–24

SERMACS 2017 – Charlotte NC, November 7–11

[www.sermacs2017.org](http://www.sermacs2017.org)

## Directions to Inorganic Ventures

<https://www.inorganicventures.com/directions>



- Follow **I-81** to exits **118 A,B,C**
- Take exit **118A** to merge onto **Parkway Dr**
- At end of Parkway Dr, bear right onto **Technology Dr**  
(Falling Branch Corporate Park)
- **Inorganic Ventures** is 0.2 miles on your right
- Enter through the main front entrance. Please sign in with the receptionist before proceeding to the conference room.

