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## Announcement



**Joseph Sneddon, Ph.D.**

Professor of Chemistry at McNeese State University in Lake Charles, Louisiana will be the recipient of the prestigious 2003 A. A. Benedetti-Pichler Award given by the American Microchemical Society for significant contributions to microchemistry.

The American Microchemical Society (AMS) is pleased to announce the recipient of the prestigious 2003 Benedetti-Pichler Award will be Dr. Joseph Sneddon, Professor of Chemistry at McNeese State University, Lake Charles, Louisiana.

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Dr. Sneddon, attended the University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, Scotland, obtaining a B.Sc. (honors) in Chemistry in 1976, M.Sc. in 'Instrumental Methods of Analysis' in 1978 and Ph. D in Analytical Chemistry in 1981. His research interests are in the general area of trace metals in various samples by atomic spectroscopy. His major contributions have been in the area of laser-induced breakdown spectrometry (LIBS) and the use of impaction-graphite furnace atomic absorption spectrometry for the direct determination of metals in air. Recently his focus has shifted to more environmental samples using standard atomic spectroscopic techniques. He is the author or co-author of almost 150 research papers and original articles in this area. He is the editor of the book series "Advances in Atomic Spectroscopy" (published by Elsevier Science, Amsterdam, The Netherlands) with Volume 7 published late in 2002. He has edited/written several books including "Sample Introduction in Atomic Spectroscopy", 1990, Elsevier, "Lasers in Analytical Atomic Spectrometry" 1997, Wiley-VCH (Hoboken, New Jersey), "Practical Guide to Graphite Furnace Atomic Spectrometry", 1998, Wiley and "Laser-Induced Breakdown Spectrometry" 2000 by Nova Science (Huntington, New York). He is currently working on two other book projects. He has been the Editor of the *Microchemical Journal* (an international journal devoted to the application of microtechniques in all branches of Chemistry published by Elsevier) from October 1990 to the present. He was recently appointed Editor of *Applied Spectroscopy Reviews* (an international journal of principles, methods, and applications published by Marcel Dekker, Inc. New York) and has served on the Editorial Board of *Spectroscopy Letters* since 1986 and *Analytical Letters* since 1990.

Dr. Sneddon will receive the award at a symposium that will be held in his honor at the Eastern Analytical Symposium (EAS) in Somerset, New Jersey, on the 20th of November 2003. The symposium speakers and titles are given below:

Information on the American Microchemical Society including the Benedetti-Pichler Award and a list of former awardees can be found at the Society's web site: [www.microchem.org](http://www.microchem.org)

**2003 A. A. BENEDETTI-PICHLER AWARD SYMPOSIUM,  
HONORING PROFESSOR JOSEPH SNEDDON  
THURSDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 20, 2003**

Chairman: John Sowa, Seton Hall University, South Orange, New Jersey and David J. Butcher, Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, North Carolina

9.00 "Resonant Laser Ablation for Trace Element Analysis" Robert G.



Michel and Peter Stchur, Department of Chemistry, University of Connecticut, Storrs, Connecticut.

9.30 "Phytoremediation at Barber Orchard, NC" David J. Butcher, Department of Chemistry and Physics, Cullowhee, North Carolina.

10.00 "Development of Low-pressure Inductively Coupled Plasma Spectrometry for Trace Elemental Analysis" Yong-Ill Lee, Department of Chemistry, Changwon, Kyungnam, KOREA.

10.30 Break

10.50 "Determination of Metal Species in Sediments Using Synchrotron Radiation" James N. Beck, Department of Physical Sciences, Nicholls State University, Thibodaux, Louisiana.

11.20 "Presentation of 2003 A.A. Benedetti-Pichler Award to Joseph Sneddon" Alvin Melveger, Chairman of American Microchemical "Reflections of 25 + Years in Atomic Spectroscopy" Joseph Sneddon, Department of Chemistry, McNeese State University, Lake Charles, Louisiana.

