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November Officer Installation Dinner Wednesday, November 17, 2010

Location: Judd Grisanti's Italian Restaurant

2855 Poplar Ave. Memphis, TN 38111

6:00 to 6:30 pm - Social Half Hour

6:30 to 8:00 pm - Dinner

8:00 pm - Officer Installation

\$45 SCC members / \$50 non-members

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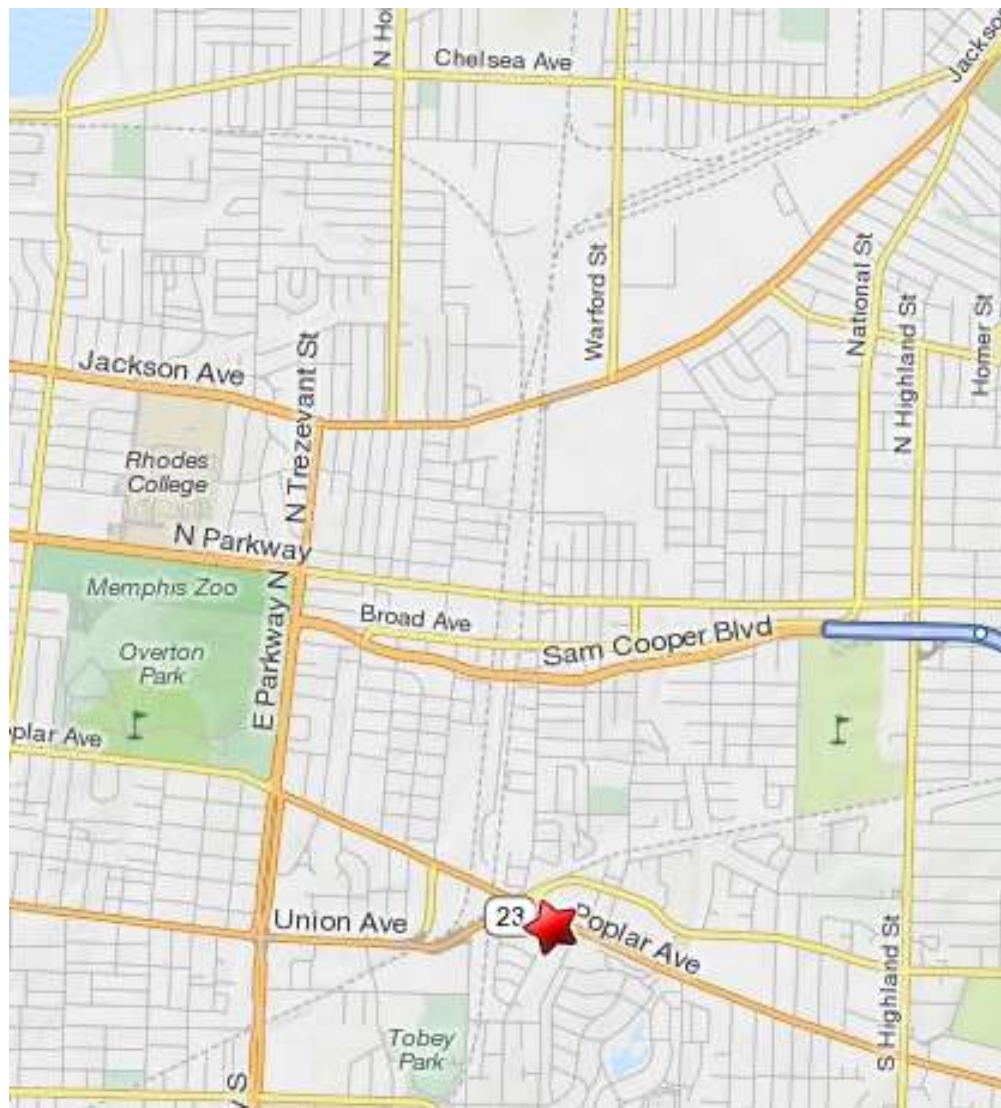
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Poplar Ave at N. Humes St. (formerly Ronnie Grisanti's Restaurant)



Message from the Southeast Chair:

How the year has flown by. I hope many of you are making plans to attend the New York SCC Scientific Meeting on December 9-10th. New York is a great place to visit in December. It seems like just a few months ago that 2010 was starting, and here we are with Halloween just around the corner.

The Southeast Chapter Election Ballots have been mailed out. All of your officers hope that you will take a few minutes to fill out the ballot and return it. We have appreciated your support and attendance at our meetings this year.

Here's to another great year for 2011, cheers!

Our October meeting was held at River Oaks Restaurant, yet another **awesome venue**. **Paolo Maarchesi's discussion leads one to believe that there might really be anti-aging magic in a bottle after all.**

We look forward to seeing all of you at the upcoming officer's installation event on November 17th. The event will be held at Judd Grisanti's Italian Restaurant. For those of you who remember Ronnie Grisanti, Judd has taken over the business from his father. It has been awhile since we had a dinner there. The officers look forward to see you there. I am sure we will have a great time.

Stephen Baldwin

Southeast Chapter Chair



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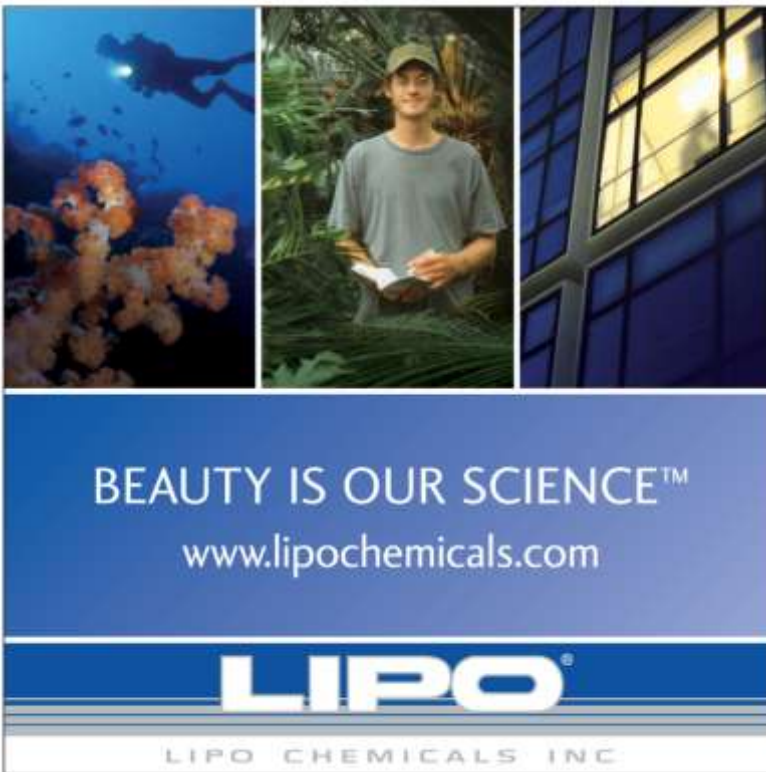
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Cosmetic Chemists Guide to Natural and Organic Cosmetic Standards

by Perry Romanowski

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If you work as a [cosmetic formulator](#) for any amount of time you will likely be asked by a marketer or customer to develop a “natural or “organic cosmetic formulation. It would be nice if you could just go look up a list of ingredients that fall under these categories but unfortunately, you can't. The reason is that the terms natural and organic have [no definition under the FD&C Act](#) which is the law that defines how cosmetics are regulated. Similarly, the EU has no definition for “natural or “organic cosmetics either.

Since there isn't a standard various groups have come out with their own guidelines for what they think these words should mean when applied to cosmetics. If you are trying to formulate a natural or organic cosmetic, any of the following standards could be adopted.

USDA National Organic Program

In the United States, there is already a government sponsored organic standard for organically grown food. This standard has been set by the [USDA National Organic Program](#). These represent the toughest of all standards and it isn't surprising most cosmetic companies aren't able to meet them. To get certified you can only use surfactants derived from organic sources (no petrochemicals) and you can't have any ingredients that are processed via hydrogenation or sulfation. Additionally, no synthetic preservatives are allowed.

After you get certified, you can make claims like “100 percent organic and you get to put the USDA Organic Seal on your products. You can get lesser certifications with 95% or 70% organic materials, however, these do not get to use the organic seal.

NSF Organic Certification

The [National Sanitation Foundation](#) (NSF) is a non-profit, non-governmental organization that created standards for products that can be labeled organic. The standards are a bit easier for cosmetic companies to meet while still creating a useable cosmetic product. For example, they allow many ingredients that are banned in the USDA's standards including some synthetic preservatives and biodegradable surfactants. You're still not allowed to use petrochemicals however. This organization is attempting to set world-wide standards.

Soil Association (UK)

The [Soil Association](#) is a UK based organization that requires 95% organic material to make an “organic claim. If you wanted to make a “made with organics claim, you only need 70% organic materials. The standards are even easier than the NSF as they allow synthetic preservatives and some petroleum based ingredients. But they do prohibit sulfation and hydrogenation of ingredients.

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BDIH (EU, Germany)

The [BDIH](#) is a group out of Germany who endeavors to set standards for cosmetics throughout the EU. Their standards are on the same level as the Soil Association however, they are a bit tougher on **preservatives because they limit most synthetic ones. They also don't allow petrochemicals.** However, they also do not restrict the processes of hydrogenation and sulfation.

Ecocert

[Ecocert](#) is a set of organic standards established by a French company which was originally designed to apply to organic farming but has been also adopted by some in the cosmetic industry. Their standards are fairly easy to meet for most cosmetic companies which is why they are so popular with many cosmetic ingredient makers.

Cosmebio

[Cosmebio](#) is a French association who's members are committed to using natural and organic cosmetics and have been certified by an independent control organization. Interestingly, they keep a list of specific product brands that have been certified by the group.

ICEA

The [Ethical and Environmental Certification Institute \(ICEA\)](#) is an organization out of Italy that provides certification of organic products.

Ecogranatie

This is a set of standards by a company out of Belgium. The [Ecograntie](#) applies to products that are environmentally-friendly and meet their requirements of quality and sustainability. They focus primarily on using natural ingredients. No synthetics allowed.

Cosmos

Once all these groups started coming up with their own standards, someone sat back and thought it might be a good idea to get everyone on the same page. So the various groups (BDIH, Ecocert, Soil Association, Cosmebio, Ecograntie and ICEA) got together and set up Cosmos. In January or 2010 they issued their [Cosmetic organic and natural standards](#).
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Natural Products Association

Not to miss out on the natural standards setting business, the Natural Products Association created their own standards. They give guidelines on natural ingredients, safety, social responsibility, and sustainability. To this end they offer raw material suppliers the ability to certify their raw materials and they keep a list of [certified raw materials](#). This could be helpful to cosmetic chemists.

NaTrue

[NaTrue](#) is attempting to set the International standard on natural and organic products. This group is based out of Brussels and is focusing on creating a natural standard for consumers of cosmetic products. They focus on only allowing plant-based ingredients.

Whole Foods Premium Standard

Whole Foods (an all-natural grocery store chain in the US) has created a Premium Body Care Quality Standard for personal care products. The purpose of the standard is to identify natural products sold in their stores. This is a tough and somewhat arbitrary standard but here is a list of the [Acceptable and Unacceptable ingredients](#). **Of course, if you can't qualify for their Premium Body Care Quality, they still allow you to sell in their store.**

OASIS

[OASIS](#) is an association set up in the United States who came up with their own standards.

QAI/NSF NSF/ANSI Standard 305

NSF is a non-governmental, not for profit company who aims to create standards for all kinds of things in the world. They have come up with their [organic standards for cosmetics](#). **They don't really publicize exactly how to get certified so you'll have to check with them (probably after paying them some money).**

Cosmetic Chemist and organic certification

There you have it, all the natural and organic standards that we could find. Which one should you use? Excellent question. At the moment no one has come out as the clear leader in this standards-setting business. Your best bet if you want to be certified, is to pick a set of standards that your company can live by and use them. Just be sure that you can still produce functional **cosmetic products! With some of these standards you can't.**

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