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Symposium proposals for the 2012 meeting are now being solicited. To submit a proposal, visit [www.aaas.org/meetings](http://www.aaas.org/meetings). The deadline for submission is Tuesday, 26 April 2011.

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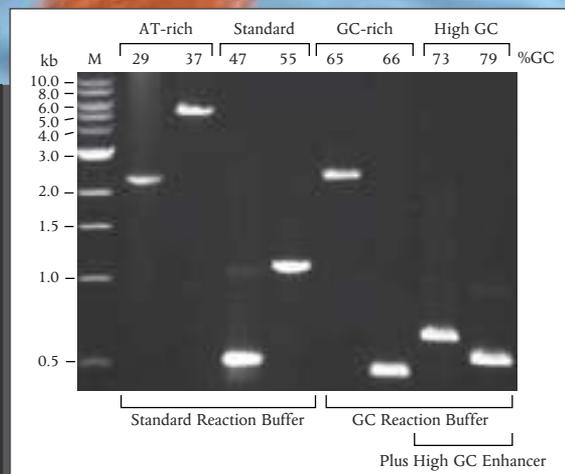
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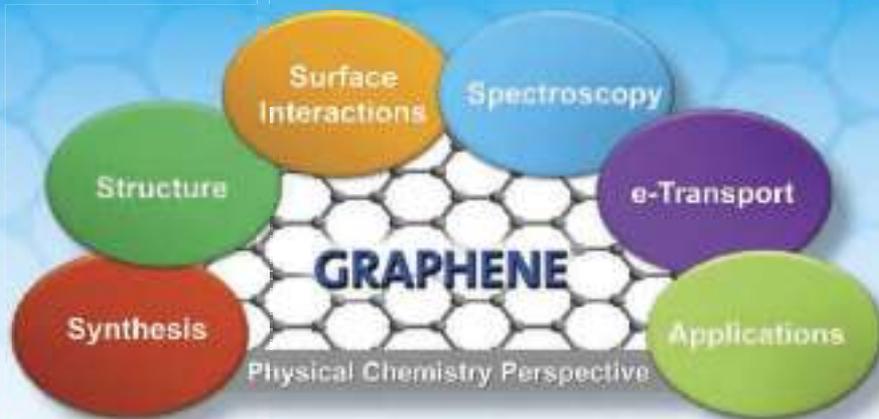
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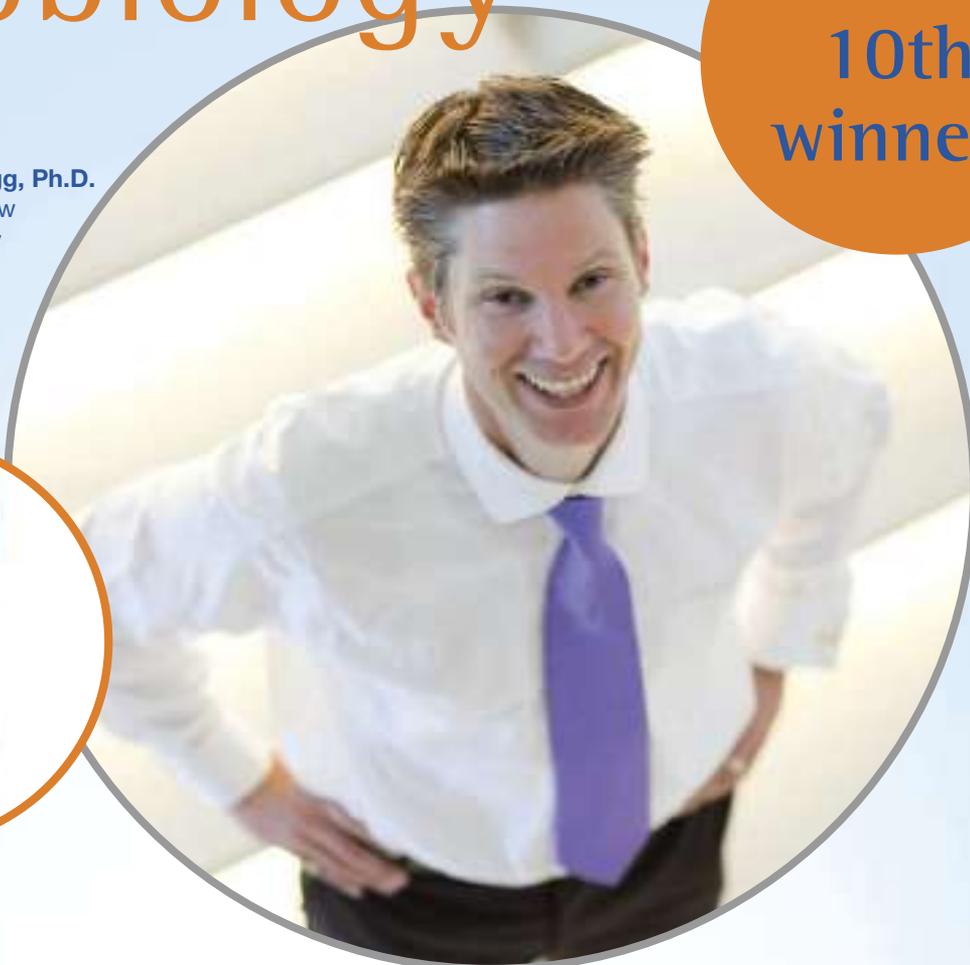
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