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Dear Colleagues,

The University of Oregon's chemistry lecture demonstration web site <https://chemdemos.uoregon.edu> is temporarily hosting the legacy Greenbowe Flash-based computer simulations and animations developed over ten years ago. The "chemdemos" site is being redesigned to host a collection of additional instructional resources such as demonstrations, manipulatives, activity sheets and visualizations. As you may be aware, the Flash-based simulations are now 10-12 years old and the code will soon not work with current browsers. In order to allow continued access, we need to change the old Flash-based computer simulations to HTML5-based computer simulations. We are also placing high quality chemistry education instructional resources on this site. To accomplish this developmental work, we need funding to pay digital artists, computer animators, and computer programmers for their work.

If you are a chemistry instructor and are using or will be using two or more of our computer simulations, we are asking you to please donate \$35/year. This can be done by using the "\$ Donate" button on the University of Oregon "chemdemos" web site or the "\$ Donate" button on the University of Oregon Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry home page. If you are using just one of our computer simulations, please consider donating \$15/year. The donate button will automatically link you to the University of Oregon Foundation's web site and to the "Chemistry Achievement Endowment Fund". In the additional gift instructions window, please type "my donation is to be used for chemistry education resources".

The University of Oregon "chemdemos" web site will be undergoing renovation and up-grades over the next year. Once this has been completed, there will be an open public section but access to the computer simulations and other newly developed resources will be limited to those who have donated to the development fund.

Sincerely,

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