

# CHEM 260

## Assignment 1

Non-credit. For possible discussion on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2003

1. Read about the 1998 Nobel Prize in Chemistry:

<http://www.nobel.se/chemistry/laureates/1998/index.html>

The press release and illustrated presentation have useful background on the importance and relevance of quantum chemistry.

<http://www.nobel.se/chemistry/laureates/1998/press.html>

<http://www.nobel.se/chemistry/laureates/1998/illpres/index.html>

2. If necessary, revise the basics of Excel and Word – opening and saving files, cutting and pasting text, tables, graphics. You will have the opportunity for practice at the first CHEM 260 lab.
3. If you are interested in taking a preview of the main software you will use in the lab, you can find information about Hyperchem Lite at:

<http://www.hyper.com/products/default.htm>

It can be downloaded if you want to purchase a copy (\$49 US). But even the (expensive) Pro version can be evaluated free for 20 days.