

# Wrapping up a year of landmark chemistry news

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From a critical international climate pact to corporate mega mergers, 2015 was packed with history-making events in the chemistry world sure to have an impact far into the future. *Chemical & Engineering News* (C&EN), the weekly newsmagazine of the American Chemical Society, highlights the year's biggest moments in chemistry research, policy and business

On the research front, C&EN singled out a handful of ground-breaking developments to feature such as flexible electronics that can potentially be injected into the brain and the isolation of a new class of promising antibiotics. In the policy realm, the year was capped by the long-anticipated Paris climate deal, signed by representatives from 195 nations in an effort to avoid the worst predicted effects of [climate](#) change. One of the biggest business stories also broke at the year's end: [chemical](#) giants Dow and DuPont announced their \$130 billion merger.

Other top-ranking stories involved more slow-burning issues such as the continued pressure on industries to clean up hydraulic fracturing methods and reduce neonicotinoid use. On a lighter note, chemists finally got their own emoji, or "chemoji."

**More information:** Chemistry Year in Review - [2015.cenmag.org/](http://2015.cenmag.org/)

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