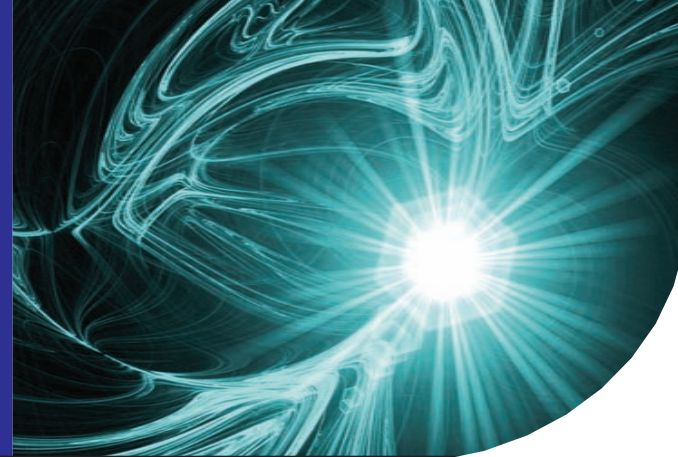


Chromatography Focus



Our Outlook on the Future...



Many will be thinking the future looks gloomy with the credit crunch and job losses running at record levels. Times are hard it's true but there are opportunities emerging as a result of the changes we are seeing. The Pound to Euro exchange rate favours foreign attendees of meetings in the UK and puts paid to the former jibe of "London is too expensive for us Europeans to visit".

ChromSoc is becoming more active in Europe by encouraging scientists from the euro zone countries to come, sample and share our mutual interests in science.

We are supporting and closely associated with the European Society for Separation Science. www.EuSSS.org

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THE NEW STEERING COMMITTEE

Hartmut Frank (President) Boguslaw Buszeski, Francesco Dondi (Vice Presidents), Chris Bevan (Secretary), Attila Felinger (Treasurer) is set to re-vitalise the society and as an initial step to see European chromatography as one bloc, we are merging our meetings calendars. This will assist members of national societies to discover and attend other national meetings. Europe is a rich source of separation science activities and access to them via cheap flights and rail connections has never been better.

One of the benefits of belonging to The ChromSoc is we offer discounted registration fees to members on all EuSSS and British Mass Spectrometry Society and some Royal Society of Chemistry meetings with reciprocal arrangements in place.

Membership of ChromSoc also entitles members to discounts to be enjoyed on some manufacturer's products [e.g. Hichrom offer 10% on consumables].

Perhaps the biggest benefit of belonging to the society in the present climate is simply that it gives you socialising opportunities to meet like-minded professionals and network effectively. Job seeking with people you know and know you has a much higher success rate than relying on chance encounters.

The Society's first meeting of 2009 is entitled "Separation Science in the UK: State of the Nation" and is themed around a Question Time Panorama debating style discussion of what is happening in chromatography in the UK. The programme includes opinion led presentations from Pfizer to represent big pharma, CK Science a firm of recruiters and a sprinkling of leading university sector speakers from Imperial College, Universities of Liverpool, Sunderland, and West of England, Bristol. The programme is further augmented by representatives from instrument companies and suppliers such as Crawford Scientific plus some leading consultancies.

Later on in the year we travel north to the famous Stadium of Light football arena in Sunderland for the Spring Symposium and AGM. Here is your opportunity as a member to influence the direction of your Society and if not a member maybe think about joining. Agilent is our gold level principal sponsor for this meeting which looks critically at advances in LC/MS and related hyphenated

techniques. We welcome two notable speakers, Professors Frank Pullen from Pfizer and Mario Thevis from the University of Cologne. The European contingent of speakers is augmented by Professors Hubertus Irth, Karine Ndjoko and Frank David from the Universities of Amsterdam, Geneva and Ghent respectively. A truly euro-mixture of scientific talent.

"BIG PREP 5" comes home to Stevenage in September 2009



Picture courtesy of Polymer Labs

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We anticipate a varied selection of home grown and invited presentations from established practitioners and newcomers to the field. The two day event will be supported by instrument and consumable manufacturers and distributors.

If you are involved in any aspect of employing separation science and technology to isolate compounds and purify samples this is a must-attend symposium for you.

Chris Bevan will be the principal coordinator for the meeting as part of his expanded role within the society and will be delighted to assist you to register your interest in supporting, sponsoring, lecturing and attending the meeting. Chris should be contacted by e-mail on his address see below.

DIARY OF FORTHCOMING CHROMATOGRAPHIC SOCIETY AND INTERNATIONAL EVENTS FOR 2009

For ChromSoc events go to www.chromsoc.com for information.

18th March

Separation Science in the UK: State of the Nation
The Heath, Runcorn, Cheshire, UK

1st – 4th March

International Symposium on Pharmaceutical and Biomedical Analysis (PBA2009)
Agra, India. (www.pba2009.org)

9th – 11th March

International Technology, Education and Development Conference (INTED '2009)
Valencia, Spain.
(www.iated.org/inted2009)

13th – 14th May

SPRING SYMPOSIUM & AGM
Advances in LC-MS and Related Hyphenated Techniques
Stadium of Light, Sunderland

17th – 21st May

33rd International Symposium on Capillary Chromatography and Electrophoresis (ISCCE) and 6th International GCxGC Symposium.
Portland, Oregon, USA.
(www.casss.org)

5th – 8th July

14th International Symposium on Field and Flow – based Separations (FFF 2009)
Patras, Greece. (www.fff2009.gr)

6th – 9th July

Reid International Bioanalytical Forum
University of Surrey, Guildford, Surrey, UK

12th – 15th July

21st International Symposium on Chirality (ISCD-21)
Breckenridge, Colorado, USA. (www.chirality2009.org)

2nd-4th September

8th Balaton Symposium and 15th International Symposium on Separation Sciences, Hotel Azúr, Siófok, Hungary.
(www.euSSS.org)

17th-18th September

Big Prep 5
GlaxoSmithKline Medicines Research Centre,
Stevenage, Herts, UK.

7th October

The Desty Memorial Symposium
The Royal Institution of Great Britain, London
Organised by Peter Myers (Peter.myers@liverpool.ac.uk).