

# Chromatography Focus

## THE CHROMATOGRAPHIC SOCIETY: AUTUMN MEETINGS BONANZA!

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*Following hot on the heels of a successful Spring Symposium at the Natural History Museum, the Reid International Bioanalytical Forum at the University of Surrey and a short summer break, The Chromatographic Society meetings programme gets into full swing again in the autumn with a very busy few months.*

By way of an opener, the Society is coordinating the 'chromatography' session at the annual conference of the British Mass Spectrometry Society, setting up presentations appropriate for introducing the mass spec audience to relevant current hot topics in the world of separations. In the Keynote Lecture, Henk Lingeman, Free University of Amsterdam, will address "Novel LC-MS approaches for the determination of active metabolites and reactive intermediates in complex samples", illustrating just one of the many pharma/bio applications which the Dutch group of Lingeman and Irth tackle using highly automated multi-dimensional LC-MS systems. The focus of other presentations will be on ultra-pressure liquid chromatography (UPLC) and its implications on the requirements of MS detection and on the analysis of genotoxins, which most definitely requires the sensitivity of MS detection.

However the season proper gets off with "Advances in GC Technology" at Runcorn on September 27th. Some newer GC technologies for the characterisation of chemicals and pharmaceuticals will be reviewed with due consideration being given to both problem solving and routine quantitative analysis

environments. Not surprisingly, highlights of the meeting involve the highly topical areas for complex mixture analysis of multi-dimensional GC and hyphenation, for example GC-MS/FTIR.

Befitting a meeting which is being held jointly with the North West Region of the Analytical Division of the Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC) and the RSC Chromatography and Electrophoresis Group, Tom Lynch, BP Ltd. and Chair, RSC C&E Group, will be discussing detector selection and selective detection. There are also talks on sample preparation, capillary flow technology and thermal desorption.

Previews of the subsequent 2007 meetings, "Big Prep 4" and "The Impact of Separation Science on Pharmaceutical R&D – and beyond" will appear in the August issue of ILM. As usual full details may be found on the Society's website ([www.chromsoc.com](http://www.chromsoc.com)). The more discerning will note that there is still time to benefit considerably from taking up Society membership for 2007.

The discount on meeting registrations alone makes membership a very shrewd investment. Members are strongly encouraged to engage in the debate already raging within the Executive Committee on what will be the burning issues in separation science in 2009. Yes, very difficult to predict but why not join us - show your commitment to separation science and help us decide on our future meetings programme.



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## THE CHROMATOGRAPHIC SOCIETY: MEETINGS PROGRAMME TO 2008

### 2007

#### 10th September, pm

Chromatography session,  
BMSS Annual Conference.  
Edinburgh Conference Centre, Heriot-Watt  
University, Edinburgh, Scotland)

#### 27th September

Advances in GC Technology.  
LGC, The Heath, Runcorn.

#### 23rd-24th October

Big Prep 4.  
AstraZeneca, Charnwood, Loughborough

#### 15th November

The Impact of Separation Science on Pharmaceutical  
R&D – and beyond.  
The Stadium of Light, Sunderland

### 2008

#### 10th-11th March

Informatics II.  
Intech Centre, Winchester

#### 21st-22nd May

Recent Developments in Column  
and Stationary Phase Technology  
The Madejski Stadium, Reading

#### September

Bioseparations  
GlaxoSmithKline, Harlow

#### November

Separative Science in the UK:  
State of the Nation  
venue to be confirmed