

EUROANALYSIS 2015  
Bordeaux, France, 7<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup> of September 2015

EUROANALYSIS has been successfully held every three years in the period 1972–1996 and every two years since 1996. It currently represents the European Conference in Analytical Chemistry, providing a forum for analytical chemists. The most recent meetings have taken place in Warsaw (2013), Belgrade (2011), and Innsbruck (2009).

This year, EUROANALYSIS has achieved its eighteenth edition in Bordeaux, France, bringing together hundreds of participants who not only belong to the European framework but also fellow scientists coming from the five continents. The European Conference in Analytical Chemistry was located at the Congress Center of Bordeaux (Bordeaux-Lac), from 7<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> September 2015. This scientific event has come back to France after approximately 40 years, under the organization of the “Société Chimique de France” (SCF), and the Division of Analytical Chemistry (DAC) of the European Association for Chemical and Molecular Sciences (EuCheMS). The scientific committee was constituted by members of DAC EuCheMS chaired by Prof. Philippe Garrigues (University of Curdeauz, France) and Prof. Christian Rolando (University of Lille, France).

As a whole, the congress was organized in 32 different sessions, 4–5 of them taking simultaneously place, with a total of 160 oral communications and 563 poster presentations, resulting in an exciting scientific program. This conference gave a particular relevance to the role of young researchers, who have actively participated in all the events. Indeed, there was a large number of communications, including oral communications and posters, presented by young researchers.

Plenary lectures were attended by recognized scientists in the Analytical Chemistry field such as: Philippe Darriet (Institute of Wine Sciences, Bordeaux, France), Miguel Valcárcel (University of Córdoba, Spain), Sergei G. Kazarian (Imperial College London, United Kingdom), Bernhard Lendl (Technische Universität Wien, Austria), Andrew Ewing (Chalmers University and University of Gothenburg, Sweden), Christian Amatore (Sorbonne Universités, Paris, France), Catia Contado (University of Ferrara, Italy), Philippe Schmitt-Kopplin (Technische Universität Muenchen, Freising, Germany), Peter Schoenmakers (University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands), and Petra Dittrich (ETH Zurich, Switzerland).

The short courses took place on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2015, in the morning (from 9 am to 12 am) and in the afternoon (from 2 pm to 5 pm), including: “Laser ablation/ICPMS for trace element and isotope ratio measurement: application to biomineral, petroleum industry and forensic science” by Christophe Pécheyrán (University of Pau, France); “Chemometrics I: Exploratory data analysis” and “Chemometrics II: Calibration and classification” by Federico Marini (University «La Sapienza», Rome, Italy); “Speciation analyses for environmental, nutrition and industrial application” by Olivier F.X. Donard (University of Pau, France); and “How to improve the quality of separation? A comprehensive vision of operating parameters” by Jérôme Randon (TechSep, Institut of Analytical Sciences, University of Claude Bernard Lyon 1, France). After the short courses, the Registration and Opening Ceremony took place, introducing the scientific program.

Sessions on Monday included the following topics: spectroscopic analysis, bioanalysis, education on analytical chemistry (two sessions), polymer and biobased materials, chemometrics, Raman spectroscopy, metabolomics, advances in electrochemistry, art and cultural heritage and AgriFood GPS project.

The second day of EUROANALYSIS congress started with lectures related to microbial biosensors, 3D printing as patterned platforms for biochemical analysis, inorganic, environmental and fuels analysis, forensics, clinical and drug analysis, together with analytical chemistry and environmental legislation.

Wednesday was focused on sample preparation and extraction, with sessions involving sample preparation, reference methods and materials, biosensors, environmental analysis, separation sciences, food control, nano-object characterization, and wine analysis. Poster sessions were exposed throughout the course of congress period. They could be visited during the breaks and at lunch time, having also assigned two specific hours on Tuesday afternoon.

In the main days of the conference, seminars offered by different commercial houses (Shimadzu and Chromatotec® group) could also be attended by participants. The last day of EUROANALYSIS concluded with the Awards & Closing Ceremony, in which four participants in oral presentation and other four in poster presentation were awarded by different partners of the event (Shimadzu, University of Bordeaux, Société Chimique de France, EuCheMS, Sigma-Aldrich, Chromatotec® group, Merck and Springer). Finally, all participants were encouraged to attend next edition of this congress, EUROANALYSIS 2017, in Stockholm, Sweden.

The interesting scientific program of EUROANALYSIS was accompanied by several social events. The first day included the reception with “Wine and Cheese Party”, to enjoy the local gastronomy. The organizing committee surprised all the attendees with a photographic expo in downtown “Musée d’Aquitaine”. Moreover, it is worth highlighting the Gala Dinner celebrated at “Chateau Giscours” on Wednesday, where the attendees enjoyed local wine tasting.

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