

Chromatography Focus

THE CHROMATOGRAPHIC SOCIETY COMMENDS ISC 2006

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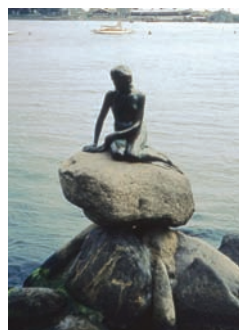
Hopefully, through the columns of International Labmate and other means of communication, there is now a wide awareness of the activities of the Chromatographic Society that are taking place in the UK during this Golden Jubilee year:

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However, especially on our Golden Jubilee, it is very important that another major event taking place in Europe, the 26th International Symposium on Chromatography (www.isc06.dk), is not overlooked. The first event in this series which took place in London in 1956 was the inspiration for the founders of the Society and since that time events have taken place biennially under the auspices of The Chromatographic Society and the separation science societies of Germany and France. The most recent events in the series to have been held in the UK were in 2000 in London, Olympia, 1994 in Bournemouth and 1982 in London, Park Lane. In 1988, a "UK year", the event was held in Amsterdam and similarly this year the event is being held in Copenhagen under the chairmanship of Steen Honore Hansen. The Society has long held a close relationship with Scandinavia, with its Scandinavian Section only in recent years going independent as the Scandinavian Foundation. Accordingly the Society was more than happy to give Steen Hansen free rein to run ISC2006 completely independently.

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As is usual with this meeting, one of its main strengths is its breadth, everything is covered, from single cell analysis to new detection methods to miniaturisation to environmental and toxicological; you name it, it's there! The highlights amongst the list of talks by confirmed speakers are too many to mention. However, it is worth noting that in this strong

European meeting the organisers have managed to secure a lecture by the renowned, longstanding world leader in separation science, Barry Karger, from the USA. Prof. Karger, on a now rare visit to Europe, will be talking on "The Marriage of Separation and Life Sciences".

An integral part of the event is the now traditional diet of short courses. These will take place on Monday August 21st and delegates can take their choice between 1. liquid-phase microextraction – fundamentals, recent developments and practical implementation, 2. multivariate data analysis in chromatography, 3. LC-SPE-NMR, 4. separation techniques and metabolomic studies, 5. characterisation of HPLC columns, and 6. monolithic columns for high-speed and high-resolution chromatography: preparation, characterisation, and applications

Of course, the dedicated chromatographer shouldn't be choosing his/her conferences on the basis of location, but, let's face it, Copenhagen in August is no disadvantage. This attractive city is the ideal backdrop for a summer European conference and also there are tours available for those who choose to take on the odd morning or afternoon off. There's the possibility of the Danish Islands, Viking settlements and Legoland. The more adventurous can elect from a menu including Baltic cruises and a trip over the water to Stockholm.



Finally, getting back to The Chromatographic Society, the Society is one of the organisations who have contributed to the general ISC2006 fund for bursaries for research students and young scientists. These are available through the ISC2006 organisers (see website) and are open to all nationalities. However, all too often it is possible to attend very successful conferences in Europe and meet only a few "Brits". Therefore we strongly urge all UK research students and young scientists in chromatography to make the most of this excellent opportunity and get applying for those bursaries. We hope to see you in Copenhagen.

The Future of Preparation, Detection and Data Processing for Chromatography

24th May at Shimadzu UK, Milton Keynes

Golden Jubilee Triad Symposia

11th October at AstraZeneca, Charnwood, Loughborough

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21st - 22nd November at GlaxoSmithKline, Stevenage

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