

# Chromatography Focus

## THE CHROMATOGRAPHIC SOCIETY: INTO THE NEXT 50 YEARS WITH SPRING SYMPOSIUM

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Following on from last year's landmark programme of meetings, including ISC2006 and the groundbreaking TRIAD symposia at major pharmaceutical sites, to celebrate its Golden Jubilee, it was important for the Chromatographic Society to keep the ball rolling and ensure that year 51 and beyond is not an anti-climax. Accordingly, a varied series of events has been assembled not just for 2007 but right through to the end of 2008.



The Natural History Museum, London - The location for the Chromatographic Society's Spring Symposium

Starting the season off, on May 16th, the Society holds its annual Spring Symposium and AGM in the Flett Theatre and Meeting Rooms at the Natural History Museum, in South Kensington, London. Titled 'Advances in Liquid Chromatography and Hyphenated Techniques – maximising productivity and quality' the theme of the meeting is to evaluate the latest developments in liquid chromatography and mass spectrometry in ensuring that increasing workflow demands (higher throughput and faster results) are addressed without compromising quality.

One of the main issues facing separation science today is that although there have been considerable improvements in separation speed, such developments can only realise their true potential if there are parallel improvements in speed of method development, detection and identification. Moreover, these developments also drive improvement for faster and intelligent data processing and manipulation. Consequently, the talks will range from the use of software for effective method development, technique developments (eg fast LC, 2D- LC, UPLC-MS) and their impact in fields including proteomics and agrochemicals, through to improved methods of data processing.

The speakers include established international experts in Separation Science as well as well known practitioners from industry. As such, the programme (visit [www.chromsoc.com](http://www.chromsoc.com) for full details) features a few 'stars' of the Triads such as Pat Sandra ("Towards High Efficiency in Fluid-Based Separation Techniques") and Paul Ferguson

("Developments in LC Productivity for Pharmaceutical Analysis") and 'fresh faces' such as Benedikt Kessler ("How Proteomics Benefits from Improvements in LC and MS Technology") and Simon Perry ("Developments and Applications of UPLC-MS in Agrochemical Research").

The Society is indebted to Waters for their generous sponsorship of this meeting and for providing the support that allowed the hire of such a prestigious venue. In addition to these presentations, there will be a Vendors Exhibition, Vendors Presentations, as well as the AGM. Finally, as an added bonus, delegates will be free to explore this museum after the meeting has finished.

It is hoped that if this is successful it will be possible to establish this practice of staging future Spring Symposia and other meetings at this type of venue. Suggestions and enquiries from potentially interested parties (e-mail [chromsoc@meetingmakers.co.uk](mailto:chromsoc@meetingmakers.co.uk)) are most welcome.

Following closely on the heels of the Spring Symposium will be one of the Society's biggest regular events, the renowned biennial Eric Reid Bioanalytical Forum to be held at its usual venue at the University of Surrey from July 9th to 12th. Registration details and the developing programme will appear on the Society website imminently.

**In summary, Society events for 2007 – 2008 will be as follows:**

### 2007

**16th May** - Spring Symposium - Advances in Liquid Chromatography and Hyphenated Techniques - maximising productivity and quality. Natural History Museum, London.

**9-12th July** - 17th International Reid Bioanalytical Forum: Metabolic syndrome and related diseases. University of Surrey, Guildford.

**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

**22nd May** - Recent Developments in Column and Stationary Phase Technology. The Madejski Stadium, Reading

**September** - Triad follow-up meeting

**November** - Separative Science in the UK: State of the Nation

**THE SPEAKERS INCLUDE ESTABLISHED INTERNATIONAL EXPERTS IN SEPARATION SCIENCE AS WELL AS WELL KNOWN PRACTITIONERS FROM INDUSTRY.**

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