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History of Chemistry

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Food Chemistry

The 'Eurocurriculum in Food Chemistry' was published in *Zeitschrift für Lebensmittel Untersuchung und Forschung*. The first edition of 'Who is Who in Food Chemistry Europe', with 1000 entries, was published by Springer.

The conference 'EuroResidue III' was held in May in Veldhoven with 400 participants. As a first joint activity, a symposium was held during the AOAC International Annual Meeting in September in Orlando. A conference on 'Quality Assurance in Food Laboratories' was held in September in Lisbon, with more than 70 scientists, administrators and assessors participating. A conference 'Chemical Reactions in Food III' was held in September in Prague with 120 participants from 19 countries.

A position paper was submitted to the European Commission in connection with Framework Programme V.

Chemistry in the Conservation of the Cultural Heritage

A databank on Conservation Treatments of the Cultural Heritage in the fields of 'Metals', 'Paintings' and 'Stones' is being compiled. Plans were made for the forms for collecting the data to be given wider publicity.

Electrochemistry

A symposium 'Education in Electrochemistry' was held in cooperation with the International Society of Electrochemistry during the 47th ISE meeting in Balatonfured in September 1996. The development of a Eurocurriculum on electrochemistry was considered.

Tagungen, Veranstaltungen, Weiterbildung

Workshop on 'Modern Organofluorine Chemistry'

Workshop on 'Modern Organofluorine Chemistry' (class course, lectures, laboratory demonstrations), Lausanne, 7–10 September 1997.

For further information and registration contact:
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Euro Food Chem IX: Conference on Authenticity and Adulteration of Food – the Analytical Approach

September 24–26, 1997, Interlaken, Switzerland

Proof of authenticity and prevention of fraud of a whole range of foods are very important topics in food chemistry. This is your area of activity: food chemists active in compositional research, in food law enforcement, compliance work, quality control or in the research and development of analytical methodology.

Invited lectures:

M.C. Walsh (IRL):	Legal Aspects of Authenticity and Falsification
I. Lumley (UK):	Methods to Prove Falsification and Authenticity in Meat and Meat Products
P. Resmini (I):	Authenticity and Falsification in Milk and Dairy Products
A. Mosandl (D):	Analytical Authentication of Genuine Flavours and Spices
S. Page (USA):	Fruit Juice Falsifications
J. Prodolliet (CH):	Application of Carbohydrate Chromatography to Detect Food Adulterations
M. Lees (F):	Food Authentication: A Testing Challenge for the Analytical Chemist
F. Lambein (B):	Chemotaxonomy Based on Non-Protein Amino Acids Applied to Questions of Authenticity of Food

Last Minute Posters: an opportunity to present your latest results (from any field of food chemistry)!

Last minute posters will be accepted until 31 July 1997; if submitted in the proper form, they will even be included in the Conference Proceedings. Ask for the programme and registration form for detailed instructions (acceptance depends on scientific merit and on payment of the registration fees).

To receive the programme and registration form, please contact:
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17. Regio-Symposium über Organische und Bioorganische Chemie

24.–26. September 1997 in Sornetan (Berner Jura)

Veranstaltet von den Universitäten Basel, Freiburg i.Br. und Mulhouse für Doktoranden, Postdoktoranden und Mitarbeiter der chemischen Institute und für Chemiker aus der Industrie des Regio-Gebietes.

Information:
Frau *Mambelli Johnson*, Institut für Organische Chemie, Universität Basel, St. Johanns-Ring 19, CH–4056 Basel.

Paul Scherrer Institut
13. PSI-Tagessymposium Elektrochemische Energiespeicherung

Auditorium WHGA/001, PSI-West, Villigen
2. Juli 1997, 10.30–16.15 Uhr

Thema: Batterien und Brennstoffzellen für Elektrofahrzeuge

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Programm

10.30–10.35 Uhr	Begrüssung Prof. *A. Wokaun*, PSI
10.35–11.00 Uhr	Batterien- und Brennstoffzellen-Forschung am PSI Dr. *O. Haas*, PSI
11.00–11.35 Uhr	Membran-Brennstoffzellen für die Elektrotraktion Dr. *P. Urban, Daimler-Benz AG*, Ulm
11.35–11.45 Uhr	Diskussion
11.45–12.10 Uhr	Kaffeepause
12.10–12.45 Uhr	Lithium-Ionentransfer-Batterie Dr. *H.H. Schönfelder, VARTA Batterie AG*, Kelkheim
12.45–12.55 Uhr	Diskussion
13.00–14.10 Uhr	Mittagessen im Personalrestaurant Oase
14.15–14.50 Uhr	Die ZEBRA-Batterie, Hochenergiebatterie für Elektrostrassenfahrzeuge Dr. *H. Böhm, AEG Anglo Batteries GmbH*, Ulm
14.50–15.00 Uhr	Diskussion
15.00–15.25 Uhr	Kaffeepause
15.25–16.00 Uhr	Zink/Luft-Batterie, Feldversuch der Deutschen Post Dipl.-Ing. *R. Nast, TÜV Automotive GmbH*, Garching
16.00–16.10 Uhr	Diskussion
16.10–16.15 Uhr	Schlussbemerkungen

Anmeldung erbeten bei: Frau *U. Grütter*, Tel. +41 56 310 29 19