

EDITORIAL

1st Czech-Swiss Symposium on Advanced Biotechnology Prague, Czech Republic September 4–7, 1999

The *1st Czech-Swiss Symposium on Advanced Biotechnology* was held in the 'Golden City' Prague, September 4–7, 1999. The objective of this interactive meeting was to present the academic and industrial activities of both countries in the area of applied biotechnology. The organising committee also wished to create a platform for personal, scientific, technical and commercial contacts between the two countries.

Prof. *Jan Kaš* and his collaborators *Irena Krumlová*, *Blanka Králová*, *Kateřina Demnerová*, *Šárka Ranglová*, *Pavel Jenč* and *Pavel Kotrba* organised an excellent symposium programme. They also arranged a very pleasant social programme with excursions, plenty of music and lots of local food. The sun was also a loyal companion of the symposium.


The 26 oral presentations and 52 posters were dealing with a wide range of different topics. Mammalian cell culture, plant tissue culture, industrial applications of prokaryotes, genomics, transgenic animals, transgenic plants, targeted drug delivery and many other subjects were discussed. This special issue of CHIMIA contains selected presentations held at this Prague symposium.

The abstract book (ISBN 80-7080-351-7) of this symposium was edited by *Pavel Jenč*. There are a few copies left, which can be ordered at the

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The scope of this first symposium was purposely very broad. The next symposium will focus on a few selected topics, which are of interest for both countries. The following subjects are proposed for a next conference: a) Microbial synthesis and microbial metabolism of drugs, b) Production of biologically active compounds by plant tissue culture, c) On-line process optimisation, d) cGMP and regulatory aspects. The details (date, venue etc.) of a follow-up Czech-Swiss symposium were left open.

For the organising committee



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