

EDITORIAL

r+d in Life Sciences The Congress



Dear reader,

International chemical fairs are frequently accompanied by **Scientific Congresses**. They represent an important **forum** where the industrial scientist meets university professors, the exhibitor meets consumers of services, the head of laboratory or pilot plant meets providers of starting materials, the quality assurance manager meets designers of analysis equipment, etc.

The chemistry fair «r+d in life sciences» held in fall 2002 in Basel also hosted a scientific congress designed to be a magnet and a motor for regional and international visitors to the fair. This meant continuing a successful formula practiced already earlier during the former ILMAC period. The Swiss Chemical Society was again charged by MCH Basel Exhibition Ltd. to conceive, to prepare, and to perform the congress as a parallel event to the fair «r+d in life sciences».

As communicated in the last issue of CHIMIA both fair and congress «r+d in life sciences» were considered by the board to have achieved their objectives, which had to be defined on a level reflecting the difficult economic situation of 2002. It was commonly considered to have been a challenging decision of MCH Basel Exhibition Ltd. to launch a new formula of a chemical fair in view of the general situation and the competition of fairs in Europe.

It is common practice to publish proceedings after a congress. This practice is also followed for the past «r+d in life sciences» congress. The editor of CHIMIA has dedicated this first issue of CHIMIA in 2003 to these proceedings. The following objectives are intended to be met:

- To congratulate the organizers and the chair people of «r+d in life sciences» 2002 on their success.
- To appreciate the work of the lecturers and of the authors presented during the congress «r+d in life sciences».
- To ensure adequate publication of the topics presented and discussed during the congress «r+d in life sciences».
- To demonstrate the exhibitors the permanent strong and ever new scientific base of the actual and future «r+d in life sciences»
- To hand over to MCH Basel Exhibition Ltd. an important report to start the future series of fairs «r+d in life sciences» with a scientific magnet.

The organizers of the congress are convinced that the contributions of the Divisions of the Swiss Chemical Society and of the Universities as a whole will be highly appreciated by the CHIMIA readers and by the exhibitors. They will see many ideas presented in 2002 becoming their new projects in the next «r+d in life sciences».

We bid you now farewell from the board of «r+d in life sciences» 2002. We already now welcome you to join us again at the next «r+d in life sciences», scheduled for spring 2005.

We wish you a successful business year 2003!

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