

## EDITORIAL

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## **Invitation to Attend the Fall Meeting of the Swiss Chemical Society in Zürich, on Thursday, October 7th, 2004**

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On behalf of the Swiss Chemical Society (SCS) and the local Organizing Committee, it is our pleasure to invite you to attend the 2004 Fall Meeting of SCS. Following the tradition of alternating universities to host this event, it is now Zürich's turn, and we will do our best here in Zurich to offer you an interesting meeting.

The Fall Meeting of the SCS is the largest annual event in Switzerland where graduate chemistry students, post-docs, and chemists of all levels have the opportunity to present results they have achieved in their research projects. It provides the opportunity for all generations of scientists to exchange ideas, often generating the seeds for new projects and collaborations. As in past meetings, there will be a jury to select the best poster presentations and oral contributions in each session, for which prizes will be awarded.

The following pages of CHIMIA display 410 abstracts of scientific contributions that will be presented at the meeting. These abstracts demonstrate the diversity and outstanding creativity of chemists in Switzerland, both in academic institutions as well as in industry. Much of this research is at the exciting frontiers between chemistry and several other disciplines such as physics, materials science, biology and the life sciences and demonstrates the multifaceted aspects of chemistry.

For the first time, this meeting is sponsored by several companies and we are very grateful to them. We would like to mention in particular Mettler Toledo AG, who is the main sponsor of this event.

We hope that this exciting program interests you, and we encourage you to come to Zürich and participate – it is this very thing that will make the 2004 Fall Meeting of the Swiss Chemical Society a grand success. We look forward to seeing you there.

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