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**13th Bratislava International
Conference on Polymers: Separation
and Characterization of
Macromolecules,
4–9 July 1999, Bratislava, Slovakia**

This Conference, sponsored by the Polymer Institute of the Slovak Academy of Sciences, the Slovak Chemical Society, and the Slovak Society of Industrial Chemistry, will include lectures and poster sessions on liquid chromatography of synthetic and biological macromolecules, development of size-exclusion chromatography including coupled procedures, liquid chromatography of oligomers, and unconventional and emerging techniques of separation and characterization of macromolecules.

For further information, please contact Dr. Dusan Berek, Polymer Institute, Slovak Academy of Sciences, Dubravska cesta 9, SK-842 36, Bratislava, Slovakia, E-mail: upoldber@savba.sk or berek@savba.sk; Tel: +421-7-378 2306 or 378 2254; Fax: +421-7-375 923 or 377 414; Web site: <http://www.savba.sk/polymer/CONFER.HTM> or <http://www.savba.sk/~upoldber/>.

**17th ICHC International Congress of
Heterocyclic Chemistry,
1–6 August 1999, Vienna, Austria**

For information, contact Professor Dr. Fritz Sauter, Chairman of the ICHC 1999, Institute of Organic Chemistry, 154, Vienna University of Technology, Getreidemarkt 9, A-1060 Vienna, Austria, E-mail: jfoehli@pop.twien.ac.at; Fax: +43 1 5866931; Web site: <http://www.sbq.org.br/DIV-SO/congres.htm>.

**58th Chemical Conference and
Exhibition and 7th Caribbean Chemical
Conference, 3–6 August 1999,
Hato Rey, Puerto Rico**

For information, contact Colegio de Químicos de Puerto Rico, 658 Calle Peñuelas, Hato Rey, Puerto Rico 00918, Tel: (787) 763-8070 or (787) 753-2027; Fax: (787) 758-2615 or (787) 753-2022.

**4th International Symposium on
Philosophy, History, and Education in
Analytical Chemistry,
3–4 September 1999, Vienna, Austria**

The featured topic of this Symposium will be “Analytical Chemistry and the Law”.

For further information, please contact Professor Wolfhard Wegscheider, Department of General and Analytical Chemistry, University of Leoben, Franz-Josef-Strasse 18, A-8700 Leoben, E-mail: wegschei@unileoben.ac.at; Tel: ++43-3842-402-340; Fax: ++43-3842-402-543; Web site: <http://www.unileoben.ac.at/~chemie/wegschei.html>.

**Symposium on Common Themes in
Transcription and RNA Processing,
6–8 September 1999,
Buenos Aires, Argentina**

This Symposium has been organized by the University of Buenos Aires, Argentina; MRC, Edinburgh, Scotland, UK; and ICGEB, Trieste, Italy. It will be limited to 20 participants, who will discuss their experience with transcriptional regulation of eukaryotic genes, mechanisms of mRNA alternative splicing, coupling between transcription and mRNA processing, and factors involved in RNA processing.

For more information, please contact Professor Alberto R. Kornblihtt, Lab. Fisiología y Biología Molecular (LFBM), Dpto. De Ciencias Biológicas, Fac. De Ciencias Exactas y Naturales, Univ. De Buenos Aires, Ciudad Universitaria, Pabellón II, 1428 Buenos Aires, Argentina, E-mail: ark@bg.fcen.uba.ar; Tel: (541) 576-3386/68; Fax: (541) 576-3321.

**113th AOAC International Annual
Meeting and Exposition,
26–30 September 1999,
Houston, Texas, USA**

This meeting focuses on analytical methodology and laboratory management for chemists, microbiologists, and other scientists working in analysis of foods, beverages, feeds, fertilizers, pesticides, soil, water, human and animal drugs, hazardous wastes, forensics, and other related areas.

Scheduled program topics include adulteration of foods; advances in nutrient analysis; analytical chemistry of phycotoxins in seafood and drinking water; detection of genetically modified organisms (GMO); feeds, seeds, and fertilizers; food safety initiative—seafood, produce, and beef; mega reg (pathogen reduction); proficiency testing; uncertainty of results; and the Wiley Award Symposium on Immunochemical Tech-



niques in Food Contaminant Analysis.

The meeting will also feature numerous poster sessions and Regulatory Roundtables on nutrient and dietary supplements and on Hazard Analysis Critical Control Points (HACCP) and accreditation, where representatives from regulatory agencies worldwide will talk about upcoming programs and meet in small groups to answer questions, learn about concerns, and discuss issues in depth.

A large Expo will display the latest in analytical laboratory equipment and services, and will provide the opportunity to discuss needs with vendors and learn about how to improve your laboratory.

Training courses held before and after the meeting will include sessions on implementing good laboratory practices (GLPs); intralaboratory (in-house) analytical method validation; ISO9000, ISO/IEC Guide 25, and the laboratory; practical SFE methodology for the AOAC methods program; quality assurance for analytical laboratories; quality assurance for microbiological laboratories; and statistics for method development.

For more information, contact the AOAC Interna-

tional Meetings and Education Department, E-mail: meetings@aoac.org; Tel: +1-800-379-2622 or +1-301-924-7077; Fax: +1-301-924-7089; Web site: <http://www.aoac.org>. The web site will have regularly updated information about the meeting.

8th International Conference on Multiphoton Processes, 3–8 October 1999, Monterey, California, USA

ICOMP Conference topics include above threshold ionization; high-order harmonics – XUV radiation processes; novel ultrashort pulse effects on atoms and molecules; multiphoton ionization, dissociation, and Coulomb explosion of molecules and clusters; coherent control of atomic and molecular processes (Rydberg wave packet creation, manipulation, and characterization; vibrational wave packet control); stabilization; and relativistic effects in strong fields.

For up-to-date information, see the conference web site at <http://www.engr.ucdavis.edu/~icomp8/icomp.html>. Also, e-mail or write Conference Co-Chairs Rick Freeman and Ken Kulander, College of Engineering, Department of Applied Science Davis-Livermore, University of California, Davis, Hertz Hall, P.O. Box 808, L-794, Livermore, CA 94550 at jekeene@ucdavis.edu with your name, address, telephone, and fax numbers to make sure you will get all subsequent announcements regarding the conference.

Conference Calendar

Visit <http://www.iupac.org> for complete information and further links

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Functional Dyes

31 May–4 June 1999

4th International Symposium on Functional Dyes, Osaka, Japan.

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Polymer Systems

7–10 June 1999

3rd International Symposium on Molecular Mobility and Order in Polymer Systems, St. Petersburg, Russia.

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Biodiversity and Bioresources

11–15 July 1999

2nd International Conference on Biodiversity and Bioresources—Conservation and Utilization, Belo Horizonte, Minas Gerais, Brazil.

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