Germany. This is an event of the High-Level Scientific Conference Programme of the European Commission. It is the second in what will hopefully become an annual series. The first meeting took place in London in July 2001.

Chemistry will be interpreted broadly for the meeting—not only chemical science of all sorts but also some chemical engineering and technology. A principal aim is to bring European younger chemists working in research and R&D of all types together not only from EC countries but also from other European countries, thus encouraging greater interaction, networking, novel collaborations, and increased European harmony.

The core aspects of the conference are posters and talks by Europe's younger chemists. Keynote speakers include Harry Kroto, Jean-Marie Lehn, and the top research director of BASF. The Europa Medal and £500 Prize for Chemistry will be awarded at the conference. There will be an afternoon visit to BASF in Ludwigshafen as well.

The conference is being sponsored by Younger Chemists' Committee of the Heidelberg Branch of the German Chemical Society; BASF Ludwigshafen, Germany; and the Royal Society of Chemistry, United Kingdom.

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10th International Symposium on Macromolecule Metal Complexes (MMC-X) 20–24 May 2003, Moscow, Russia

This symposium, held every two years, provides an international forum for presentation and discussion about the most recent progress and future trends in the rapidly expending interdisciplinary field of macromolecular metal complexes. The main goal of the meeting is to bring together scientists and technologists (polymer chemists, coordination chemists, biochemists, catalytic chemists etc.), covering the various research topics of the symposium, to intensity the dialogue between young scientists, academia and industries, to encourage the newcomers to the field and to give new motivations for future developments.

New insight have been developed in the role of the macromolecule on material properties such as catalysis, electron transfer, non-linear optic, and in the other wide ranging technologies including secondary battery, photoenergy conversion, fuel cells, sensors, toxic material recovery, medical devices.

The scientific program will cover the following areas:

- Fundamental Aspects of Macromolecular Metal Complexes (Synthesis, Structure, Properties)
- Electron and Photonic Transfer
- Catalysis and Separation Processes
- Supramolecules, Dendrimers, Molecular Recognition
- Metal Ion Conductive Polymers
- Environmental Application of MMC

Approximately 200 scientists from all over the world are expected to attend the Symposium.

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Plutonium Futures—The Science 2003 6–10 July 2003, Albuquerque, New Mexico, USA

This conference, third in a series organized by the Los Alamos National Laboratory, will provide an international forum for presentation and discussion of current research on plutonium and other actinide elements. A number of issues surrounding plutonium and the actinides deserve and receive significant international attention, including the safe storage and long-term management of weapons materials and the management of large inventories of actinides from nuclear power generation. The conference will provide opportunities to examine present knowledge of the chemical and physical properties of plutonium and other actinides in complex media and materials and to discuss the current and emerging science (chemistry, physics, materials science, nuclear science, and environmental effects) of plutonium and actinides relevant to enhancing global nuclear security.

The scientific program will consist of invited plenary and keynote lectures followed by presentations of invited and contributed papers. The plenary sessions will include participation by policy makers as well as scientific leaders. Scientists, engineers, and students from throughout the world are encouraged to participate and make technical contributions. Anticipated conference technical sessions will cover: materials science; nuclear fuels; condensed matter physics; actinides in the environment; separations, detection, and analysis; processing; storage, disposal, and waste; and novel plutonium/actinide compounds and complexes.