

together with bio-sensors in general, constitute another burgeoning area of development.

The conference will provide attendees with the opportunity to showcase their ideas, developments, research, and products and to speak with each of the delegates at the conference. This conference has grown exponentially since its inception 20 years ago. There were 1300 delegates who attended the Tenth Conference in 2001 in Florence, Italy.

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Molecular Characterization of Polymers

24–28 August 2003, Bratislava, Slovakia

The **17th Bratislava International Conference on Macromolecules: Molecular Characterization of Polymers** will bring together academic and industrial researchers from around the world who are engaged in molecular characterization of synthetic and natural macromolecules. Current developments in separation

methods and their applications will be discussed in detail. At this conference, traditionally held in Slovakia, approximately 17 plenary lectures and 50 contributed podium presentations are planned, with tutorials and reviews also included.

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Therapeutic Drug Monitoring and Clinical Toxicology

7–11 September 2003, Basel, Switzerland

The **8th Congress of the International Association of Therapeutic Drug Monitoring & Clinical Toxicology** brings together an international group of experts who will examine basic concepts of established and new therapy, recent clinical outcomes in transplantation, and clinical areas posing particular challenges for immunosuppression. It is suited to the interests of both clinicians and laboratory scientists working in the field of transplantation. A pre-congress symposium, 5–6 September, will focus on the clinical use of drugs.

Plenary lectures at the congress will focus on topics such as transport proteins and intestinal metabolism, pharmacogenetics/pharmacogenomics and pharmacotherapy, new aspects in drug substitution therapy, and how to develop new drugs. Symposia titles are TDM of drugs in anti-HIV-therapy and other antiviral drugs, indications of TDM for antidepressants and new generations of neuroleptics, pharmacogenetics, analytical aspects of immuno-suppressive drug monitoring on behalf of the IFCC working group, current knowledge of designer drug toxicity, advances in doping control: a global challenge, drug facilitated

robbery or sexual assault, toxicogenetics for clinical and forensic toxicology. Workshops, oral sessions, and breakfast roundtables will also be included.

A two-day satellite workshop entitled **New Advances in Model-Based, Goal-Oriented Optimal Individualized Drug Therapy: Relationship To Population PK/PD Modelling and to Multiple Model Methods for Optimal Tracking of Drug Behavior and Optimal Dosage Design** will be held 12–13 September. This course is intended for physicians, pharmacists, clinical toxicologists, and biomedical scientists with an interest in population pharmacokinetic and pharmacodynamic modelling and in therapeutic drug monitoring and optimal individualization of drug therapy for patient care.

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