

### Organic Chemistry

10–15 September 2003, Cavtat-Dubrovnik, Croatia

The **13th European Symposium on Organic Chemistry** will cover progress in organic chemistry, including synthesis, catalysis, physical organic chemistry, supramolecular chemistry, chemical biology, and new organic materials. The symposium will comprise 12 plenary and around 20 invited lectures, a limited number of oral contributions, workshops, and poster sessions.

The participants are particularly encouraged to contribute posters because of the rather limited capacities of two smaller lecture rooms, which are available next to the conference site's main lecture hall (with capacity for around 1000 participants). Poster sessions will be extended to the evening hours; free lunches, drinks and snacks will be served in order to promote friendly, informal communication.

The local organizing committee in Croatia is organizing the symposium in conjunction with Rudjer Boskovic

Institute. The committee has an ambitious concept that coincides with the symposium site: to encourage the Mediterranean spirit of frequent and friendly communication between all participants, regardless of their scientific rank, professional position, or age.

A program of social events is planned, including a reception, social dinner on the coast, and excursions to Dubrovnik and surrounding places. The symposium will be held in the Croatia Hotel, which lies in a beautiful location on a peninsula overlooking the Adriatic Sea on one side and the picturesque, small town of Cavtat on the other. The Dubrovnik airport is located about 7 km from Cavtat and 25 km from Dubrovnik. Many European companies have regular flights to Dubrovnik airport, either directly or via Zagreb.

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### Biodiversity and Natural Products

26–31 January 2004, Delhi, India

The **International Conference on Biodiversity and Natural Products: Chemistry and Medical Applications** will be a joint meeting of the 4th International Conference on Biodiversity and the 24th International Symposium on Chemistry of Natural Products.

Biodiversity is a multidimensional, complex issue, which requires internationally coordinated attention from various fields of chemical, physical, medical, environmental, social, and life sciences. Natural resources, and the biologically active constituents derived from them, play vitally important roles in improving the quality of human life. Different parts of the globe have varying endemic biological resources, many of which are being rapidly depleted. Thus, there is an urgent need for mutually advantageous international cooperation in the appropriate, sustainable, and innovative utilization of bioresources.

In view of this situation, the University of Delhi and the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research are jointly organizing a conference to bring together leading experts and researchers from all over the world to assess current ideas and research and develop strategies for the fields listed below:

- biodiversity and bioprospecting (genetic, molecular, and chemical diversity; flora and fauna; herbs and spices; marine; and microorganisms)
- innovative utilization of bioresources (bioactive compounds from natural sources, analytical techniques in their separation and identification, lead generation, drug discovery and development, and drug-resistant microbial infections)
- integration and conservation of bioresources
- environmental, economic, social, and ethnic perspectives of biodiversity
- biodiversity and traditional systems of medicine (ayurveda and sidhha)
- biodiversity in nutrition, ecology, and cultures
- generation of smart and novel materials, innovative technologies in organic synthesis, environmentally benign synthetic strategies

The participants shall include experts and researchers from around the globe working in above areas in Universities; Government and National Laboratories; Food, Nutrition, Flavor, Dyes, Pharmaceutical and Agro-based Industries; and Representatives from Communities and Policy-making Bodies.

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