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Solution Chemistry

23–28 August 2003, Debrecen, Hungary

The IUPAC-sponsored **International Conference on Solution Chemistry (ICSC)** series is a central event for the international scientific community involved in the various aspects of solution chemistry; it attracts the attention of both experimentalists and theoreticians worldwide. The conference takes place every second year in different countries and on different continents. In recent years, it has been hosted at Vaals in the Netherlands, Fukuoka in Japan, and Vichy in France. The meeting provides an ideal atmosphere for successful encounters of leading researchers with younger scientists, and fruitful discussions of the state-of-the-art advances in this broad-ranging area.

The scientific sections of the 28th ICSC will encompass a wide variety of basic and applied topics in solution chemistry: thermodynamics, kinetics and structure;

polymers, colloids and interfaces; bioinorganic and pharmaceutical problems; supramolecular assemblies and nanostructures; solvents and solutions under extreme conditions; theoretical, analytical, and environmental aspects of solution chemistry; and other topics of special interest. There will also be a mini-symposium on the chemistry of polyoxometallates.

The scientific program will consist of plenary lectures, invited lectures, and both oral and poster presentations. The conference will be held at the campus of the University of Debrecen. After the conference, attendees will have an opportunity to visit the historical Tokaj wine district, declared a World Heritage Area in 2002.

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Multi-Component Materials

5–8 October 2003, Balatonfüred, Hungary

The **Interfaces and Interphases in Multicomponent Materials Conference**—the result of a merger between the ICCI (International Conference on Composite Interface) and IPCM (Conference on Interfacial Phenomena in Composite Materials)—is intended to bring together research, academic, and industrial scientists.

Interfaces form spontaneously in all heterogeneous systems. The numerous attempts to modify interfacial adhesion and interphase properties are evidence of their importance. Advanced composites cannot be made or applied without good adhesion and appropriate interphase properties. Meanwhile, the interest of the industry, as well as academia, has shifted somewhat from advanced composites to other heterogeneous systems, such as nanocomposites, biomaterials, or natural fiber reinforced composites. As a conse-

quence, the scope of this new conference will reflect these developments.

This meeting will provide the scientific community with the opportunity to present its latest results for discussion at a worldwide forum, create a friendly atmosphere for socializing and strengthening personal ties, offer young scientists an opportunity to present their work and interact with the community, and enable scientists from East and West to meet and discuss issues of common interest.

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 <http://interface.pt.bme.hu/>



Medicinal Chemistry

15–18 October 2003, Kraków, Poland

The **Polish-Australian-German-Hungarian-Italian Joint Meeting on Medicinal Chemistry**, organized

under the auspices of the European Federation of Medicinal Chemistry and IUPAC, is the third in a series. The first meeting was held in Taormina, Italy (Italian-Hungarian-Polish, 1999) and the second in Budapest, Hungary (Hungarian-German-Italian-Polish, 2001). In