

Latin American Congress

30 May–2 June 2004, Salvador, Bahia

The **26th Latin American Chemistry Congress** and the **27th Annual Meeting of the Brazilian Chemical Society (XXV CIAQ/27th RASBQ)**, organized by the Latin American Federation of Chemical Societies and the Brazilian Chemical Society, will be held 30 May to 2 June 2004 in Salvador, Bahia. The Latin American Chemistry Congress has been held in Brazil twice, in 1937 and 1984, since its inaugural meeting in 1924. The program for this joint 2004 Congress will include 26 plenary lectures, 18 symposiums, 3 workshops, and 13 short courses.

The Brazilian Chemistry Society (SBQ) has consolidated and become an important force within the country. There are now 41 graduate programs distributed throughout the country, with approximately 400 masters' dissertations and 300 doctorate theses defended each year (as of 2001). Scientific production also has increased. In 1984 approximately 800 articles

were published; in 2001, this number increased to more than 1900. Annual meetings of the SBQ involve approximately 2500 participants who present, on average, 1800 posters based on new research results. The SBQ co-edits a series of text books and publishes three scientific journals: *The Journal of the Brazilian Chemical Society* (in English), *Química Nova*, and *Química Nova na Escola* (both in Portuguese).

It is estimated that more than 2000 abstracts will be submitted for refereeing for this meeting; all accepted abstracts will be presented as posters. Symposia will have the format of coordinated sessions devoted to specific topics; some abstracts will be selected for presentation at symposia. The SBQ will continue to support the participation of undergraduate students who are members of SBQ through grants, which will be distributed according to the scientific merit of the work as evaluated by the Scientific Commission. Registration and submission of abstracts will be carried out online through the conference Web site.

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π -Electron Systems

14–18 June 2004, Ithaca, NY, USA

The **Sixth International Symposium on Functional π -Electron Systems** will bring together chemists, physicists, biologists, and engineers to discuss recent developments in the field of π -conjugated materials.

This symposium series began in 1989 in Osaka, Japan, as the "International Symposium on Functional Dyes." Past symposia were held in Kobe (Japan, 1992), Santa Cruz (California, 1995), Osaka (Japan, 1999) and Ulm (Germany, 2002). The name of the symposium changed several years ago to reflect its broadened scope and align it with recent developments in academic, industrial and government research institutions.

The π series is a unique forum for the discussion of structure-properties relationships in π -conjugated materials. Over 600 scientists from 29 nations attended the previous symposium in Ulm. The technical program will include 5 keynote lectures, 35 plenary lectures, 60 invited and contributed oral presentations and 3 extensive poster sessions. Papers are solicited on the following topics:

- synthesis of functional π -electron materials (molecular, polymeric, other)
- processing techniques
- structure (bulk, surface/interface)

- properties (electrical, optical, biological, mechanical, other)
- applications (electroluminescent devices, photovoltaic cells, transistors, non-linear optics, sensors, other)

Located in the Finger Lakes region, Ithaca will provide an ideal setting for this meeting. The region features a multitude of scenic gorges, state parks, and award-winning wineries. Combining the best of rural and urban life, Ithaca was voted one of the top 10 best places for families to live in the USA. The state-of-the-art lecture halls of the Cornell campus, the availability of dormitory rooms (in addition to regular hotel rooms) within walking distance of the conference, and easy access to Internet and exercise facilities will add to the quality of the meeting. The proximity to companies such as Xerox, Kodak, IBM, GE, and Corning will ensure a strong interaction with industry. An extensive social program will be organized for persons accompanying conference attendees.

For further information, including registration and abstract submission information please see the conference Web site.

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