ing applications in areas ranging from drug delivery technology to nanofabrication.

Functional Supramolecular Systems

Functional devices that use the intrinsic nature of these biomolecules (nano-switch properties of aptamers, nanoengines, detection devices...) will be covered in this topic.

Accommodations are limited and it is recommended that attendees make plans early. Please contact the primary organizers if you plan to attend: Philippe Barthélémy <barthelemy@bordeaux.inserm.fr>:

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Inorganic Chemistry—Metal-**Nucleic Acid Interactions**

12-17 November 2006, Athens, Greece

This ESF-COST High-Level Research Conference will deal with several aspects of the interactions of metal ions and nucleic acids and their relevance for the treatment and diagnosis of diseases. The conference organized in partnership with European Cooperation in the field of Scientific and Technical Research (COST), a program of the European Science Foundation (ESF), and with support from the John S. Latsis Public Benefit Foundation.

The inorganic chemistry approach (i.e., the metal) will be a central issue of the conference. Half-day sessions will be held on the following subtopics: new drugs that bind to and distort DNA; methods for

studying M-DNA interactions, cell division controlled by metal ions, labeling of nucleic acids with metals, artificial, nanostructured materials built from DNA fragments and metals, and DNA and cation binding: can it act as a wire?

The conference will feature main lectures (45 minutes), short lectures (30 minutes), and selected short talks from submitted abstracts (15 minutes), in addition to posters (which will be up the entire meeting).

The application deadline (and for abstract submission) is 24 July 2006. The conference program and application form are available online.

For further information, please contact Mr. Rachid Adghoughi <radghoughi@esf.org> from the ESF.



www.esf.org/conferences/pc06018

Gas Analysis Symposium & **Exhibition**

14-16 February 2007, World Trade Center, Rotterdam, The Netherlands

GAS2007 is an event that brings research and standardization into the practical world of calibration gases and their use. GAS2007 will take place 14-16 February 2007 in Rotterdam, Netherlands. The symposium will offer six lecture sessions, held in parallel, and 800 m² of exhibition and scientific poster space. It will focus on environmental protection and safety.

The following sessions are planned.

- natural gas: from reservoir to value
- trace contaminants
- chemometry
- sampling
- on- and off-line analysis
- metrology and accreditation issues

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