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## Physical Organic Chemistry

13-18 July 2008, Santiago de Compostela  
and A Coruña, Spain

The **19th IUPAC Conference on Physical Organic Chemistry** will be held at the Universities of Santiago de Compostela and A Coruña, Spain, between 13-18 July 2008. The ICPOC series is dedicated to scientists active in the area of physical organic chemistry and reactivity and will cover the diversity of modern

research in this area, emphasizing its interactions with other fields. The program will include plenary and invited lectures, oral communications, and poster presentations.

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## Safe Food

24-27 September 2008, Novi Sad, Serbia

The significance of safe food production and consumption is becoming more widely recognized as the risks increase that industrial production food production will reduce its nutritive value. Even in highly developed countries, industrial food production brings about new threats to human health. Although this issue is receiving more attention in developed countries, from scientists and the general public, the countries of the former Soviet Union are lagging far behind.

Since 2000, the **Ecological Conference on Safe Food** has been held in even years with the general aim of communi-

cating valid knowledge, supporting the exchange of opinions and experiences, and making such knowledge actionable. Conference organizers hope to accomplish the following:

- address, on a scientific-expert level, a wide range of key issues concerning safe food production and environmental consciousness
- discuss and assess the causes of ecological imbalance in conventional agricultural production, and the impact of various pollution sources on agricultural production at present

- offer practical solutions, based on scientific indicators and expert opinions, to help meet actual challenges and those that lie ahead
- give relevant proposals and suggestions for long-term strategic programs in food production (in industrialized, controlled, integral, alternative, and sustainable agriculture) without negative effects on human health and the environment

The conference is open to all issues concerning safe food, from the point of its production, to the point of consumption. Contributions are most welcome that point out good or bad practices, while validating factors affecting food safety and quality in the following subject areas:

- ecological factors and food production
- correct choice of seed (genetic) material
- status and preparation of soil as the basic substrate for the production of food and feed
- use of fertilizers and pesticides in integrated plant protection
- use of biologicals
- food processing technology
- economic aspects, marketing and packaging of safe food

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