

Coordination and Bioinorganic Chemistry

4-9 June 2017, Smolenice, Slovakia

The XXVI International Conference on Coordination and Bioinorganic Chemistry (ICCBIC) will be held in Smolenice Castle 4-9 June 2017, organized by the Slovak Chemical Society in cooperation with the Slovak University of Technology and the Slovak Academy of Sciences in Bratislava.

The conferences on coordination chemistry, held regularly in Slovakia, have a long tradition. The First Conference was organized in 1964. Many coordination chemists, including Nobel prize winners from all over the world, have attended past Conferences and Smolenice Castle has become the place where many new scientific and personal contacts are established.

The XXVI Conference will deal with current prob-



lems of coordination, bioinorganic, and inorganic chemistry and the progress achieved in these fields. The scientific program will be concentrated on the following themes:

- Electronic, molecular and crystal structures
- Solution and solid state reactivity
- Applied inorganic and coordination chemistry
- Complexes in human medicine and the environment

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Chemists and IUPAC: Taking Responsibility and Taking Action

29 August - 2 September 2017, Trondheim, Norway

Since its foundation in 1919, many famous chemists have contributed to the International Union for Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC), fueling the drive to improve standardisation of methods, nomenclature, units and standards, among other things. Without a doubt, progress has been made, despite power struggles, uncompleted projects, and unproductive commissions.

A special session titled, "**Chemists and IUPAC: Taking Responsibility and Taking Action**," to be held during the 11th International Conference on the History of Chemistry, will aim at shedding light on the activity of chemists invested with responsibilities in IUPAC, whose actions are often overlooked in nation-

al biographical dictionaries. This session falls into the broader project on the centennial of the IUPAC in 2019. Each paper will focus on the responsibilities and actions of individual chemists, alone or combined in a small national or disciplinary group, inside IUPAC. The case study can, however, expand to roles in other international organisations (e.g. IRC, ICSU, SDN or UN-ESCO). A first survey is provided by the books of R. Fennell (1994) and S. S. Brown (2001). By focusing on individual actions, the aim is to get a better sense of the articulation between the local and the international, and how this articulation was constructed through the work and actions of chemists dispersed across the world.

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Small Satellites for Space Research

18-22 September 2017, Jeju Island, South Korea

Hosted by the Korean Astronomy and Space Science Inst. (KASI) / Korean Space Science Society, the 3rd Symposium of the Committee on Space Research (COSPAR) 2017 continues on the success of the previous symposia, with topics including:

- New ideas for upper atmosphere research with micro- and nano-satellites
- Interaction of solar wind and Earth's bow shock: recent progress in observations and modelling
- Dynamics of the magnetospheric process through coordinated experiment and modelling
- Advances in astrophysical research with small

satellites

- Planetary exploration of the solar system
- Enabling technologies

Selected papers will be published in *Advances in Space Research* and *Life Sciences in Space Research*, fully refereed journals with no deadlines and open to all submissions in relevant fields. The deadline for abstracts is 31 March 2017.

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