

Chemistry for the Development of the Arab World

20–22 April 2010, Albaath University, Homs, Syrian Arab Republic

The biennial Arab Chemical Conference, which plays an important role in the Arab scientific community, involves outstanding chemists who present their findings and innovations in various fields of chemistry. The conference also enables the exchange of information and ideas on various aspects of chemistry, chemical technology, and chemical education that often leads to new innovations that will further enhance economic development and improve the quality of life in the Arab world.

The **15th Arab Chemical Conference** will be held in Homs, Syrian Arab Republic, 20–22 April 2010. The objectives of the conference are as follows:

1. further scientific and technological development in the chemical sciences
2. utilize chemistry expertise and knowledge for

3. development in the Arab world
4. develop a vision for achieving a clean and safe environment.
5. advance chemistry education in the Arab world
6. encourage the exchange of experiences among Arab researchers and chemists

The purpose of the conference is to bring together scientists from universities, research institutes, and industry in the Arab region and around the world to discuss developments and new perspectives in chemistry and chemistry education. Plenary and invited lectures will be included in the conference program.

Oral and poster presentations as well as panel discussions will be organized around these topics:

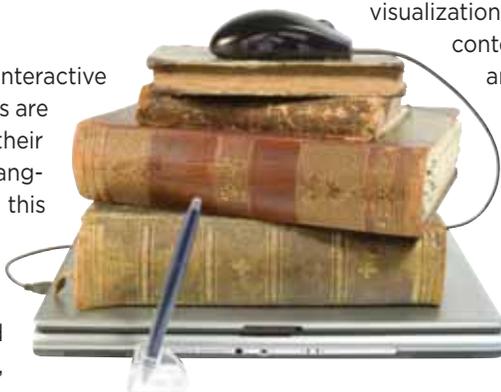
- New Trends in Chemistry
- Chemistry for Sustainable Development
- Chemical Wastes, Reduction, Treatment, and Recycling
- Nano Chemistry and its Applications
- New Trends in Teaching and Learning Chemistry

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Interactive Publications and the Record of Science

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The Web is, by nature, an interactive environment, yet online journals are mostly static, consistent with their traditional role as a never-changing scholarly record. However, this traditional role is increasingly challenged as browser technologies leap forward, dynamic visualization and presentation tools proliferate, and primary data are linked to research articles. In an important and timely event arranged by ICSTI (the International Council for Scientific and Technical Information), publishers, publishing service providers, librarians, editors, and authors will meet in Paris for a full-day workshop



to survey the most exciting and challenging of the new developments and to begin to identify the necessary infrastructure for including interactive content within the record of science. Session topics are (I) Interactive visualizations; (II) Adding value with enriched content and semantic links; (III) The archival problem and infrastructure for solutions; (IV) W(h)ither journals? Speakers include representatives from the Nature Publishing Group, National Library of Medicine, Royal Society of Chemistry, International Union of Crystallography, OECD, Concept Web Alliance, SciVee, British Library, CrossRef, and Cell Press.

Because seats are limited, advance registration is required.

 www.icsti.org/events.php