

Portuguese Carbohydrate Chemistry Group Of The Portuguese Society Of Chemistry

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The formation of the Portuguese Carbohydrate Chemistry Group was proposed to the Portuguese Society of Chemistry after a scientific one-day Symposium held on 7 May, 1993 at the Faculty of Sciences of the University of Lisbon. The Group was officially formed in 1993 with 47 members. It is important to mention the close collaboration of members of the Groupe Français des Glucides who have always encouraged the foundation of this Group, as well as the invaluable support given by Dr Margaret Clarke, whose efforts led to the integration of both industrial and scientific communities within it.

Three successful Meetings were organised in Lisbon (1995), in Porto (1997) and in Aveiro (1999). In fact, the last one constituted the first Iberian Carbohydrate Symposium, due to the enthusiastic cooperation of our Spanish colleagues.

At present the Group has 116 members. Its activities are expanding due to the contribution made by Portuguese chemists and to the incentive given by well-known scientists from all over the world, in particular from the American Chemical Society Carbohydrate Chemistry Division and from the Carbohydrate Group of the Royal Society of Chemistry. Carbohydrate Chemistry in Portugal is growing, and we thank the European and the International Carbohydrate Organisations for recognising our efforts.

We are responsible for organizing EUROCARB XI, from 2 to 7 September, 2001 and we would like to invite all colleagues to join us in this event, which will take place in Lisbon. We hope that the scientific contributions, together with the introduction to Portuguese Art and Culture will prove an irresistible offer to the participants in this Meeting!

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