

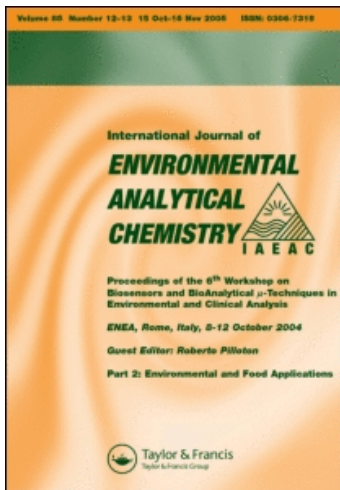
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The 3rd European Conference on 'Pesticides and Related Organic Micropollutants in the Environment' was organized by the Chemistry Department and Postgraduate Interfaculty Programme in Agro-Chemistry and Biological Cultivations of the University of Ioannina as well as by the European Mediterranean Association of Environmental Education Assessment and Protection and the Association of Greek Chemists. The Conference took place in Hotel Sani/Conference Centre in Chalkidiki from 7 to 10 October 2004.

The 3rd European Conference reviewed current and recent research on many aspects of physicochemical and biological processes controlling the behaviour and fate of pesticides and related organic micropollutants in the environment. The novel analytical techniques for pesticide residues determination in environment and agricultural products and the techniques for environmental protection and restoration were the main topics. Scientists from European and other countries participated in aspects and ideas exchange on serious problems concerning the quality of the natural environment and life.

A total of 101 scientific communications were presented, and 12 invited speakers delivered plenary talks on different topics. Fifty-five papers were orally presented and forty-four poster presentations. The papers were arranged in the following seven sessions:

1. Analytical and Evaluation Techniques
2. Analytical Methods and Applications
3. Pesticide Levels and Behaviour in the Environment
4. Environmental Protection and Restoration Techniques
5. Pesticide Residues in Soil and Cultivation Products
6. Environmental Effects, Toxicity and Endocrine Disrupters
7. Transportation and Fate Models and Regulations.

Twenty-eight selected papers from the 3rd European Conference sessions, including two of the invited talks, are gathered in this special volume of *International Journal of Environmental Analytical Chemistry*. We acknowledge the authors for contributing and sharing their own expertise, the reviewers of the papers for ensuring high scientific standards, the sponsors of the conference for their financial support, and all the participants for their involvement in the exchange of knowledge, which was the essence of the conference.

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