



Foreword

27th International Symposium on Capillary Chromatography,
31 May–4 June 2004, Riva del Garda, Italy

From 31 May to 4 June 2004, the *27th International Symposium on Capillary Chromatography* was held at the Palazzo dei Congressi in Riva del Garda, Italy. The meeting was held “In Memoriam Csaba Horváth”. 740 attendees from 46 countries discussed the new developments in miniaturized chromatography, electrophoresis and micro fluidics.

The symposium was preceded on 30 and 31 May by the *10th Annual meeting of the Drugs Working Group of European Network of Forensic Science Institutes (ENFSI)*.

During the meeting, 53 plenary lectures and 23 keynote lectures, the latter reserved to younger presenters, a forum on comprehensive techniques, 395 posters and nine seminars covered the fundamental aspects, instrumental developments and applications of state-of-the-art capillary chromatography and electrophoresis.

The Marcel Golay award, sponsored by Perkin-Elmer, was presented to Volker Schurig (University of Tübingen) and to Wilfried König (University of Hamburg) for their pioneering work in enantioselective capillary chromatography and electrophoresis. Shortly after the meeting, on 19 November, Professor König passed away. The work of Professor König related with cyclodextrin chemistry and enantioselective GC and with essential oils and terpene chemistry had a profound influence on our knowledge of natural products. To his wife and family, former coworkers and friends, we offer our deepest sympathy. Wilfried’s memory will live forever in all of us.

To encourage scientific exchange and friendship building, the scientific program was spiced with the well-known Riva social program sponsored by several companies: welcome reception (Dani), cocktail party (Gerstel) after the classical concert (Perkin-Elmer), wine and cheese evening (Agilent Technologies) followed by the disco night at the Lido Palace (Thermo Electron) and farewell cocktail (Elsevier).

The articles published in this proceedings volume cover some of the topics discussed at the meeting. We were hoping for more contributions but most of us seem presently overloaded in writing papers related to the so many meetings we are attending.

We would like to thank all attendees for making this meeting once more very successful, and the sponsors for their continuous support to this symposium series. We thank the editors of *J. Chromatogr. A* and the many reviewers for their hard work.

The 28th meeting will be chaired by Milton Lee (Brigham Young University) and be held in Las Vegas, NV, USA, 22–25 May 2005 (<http://www.chem.byu.edu/cce2005>) and the 29th meeting will take place in Riva del Garda again, 29 May–2 June, 2006.

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