

The Ninth International Conference on Methods and Applications of Fluorescence: Spectroscopy, Imaging and Probes (MAF 9) will be held in Lisbon, Portugal, September 4–7, 2005. The Conference will take place at the riverside Atlantic Pavilion, located in the beautiful Park of the Nations (Parque das Nações), site of Expo 98. Hotels and public transportation, including train and underground stations, are all within walking range.

The MAF conferences, held in Europe every 2 years (Graz in 1989 and 1991; Prague in 1993 and 2003; Cambridge in 1995; Berlin in 1997; Paris in 1999; Amsterdam in 2001), have acquired high international reputation, and gather researchers dealing with all aspects of fluorescence. The MAF 9 Conference is organized in the spirit of previous meetings, and will be devoted to both new and established fluorescence techniques and

methodologies, and their applications in a wide range of fields.

The MAF 9 Conference embraces the areas of physics, chemistry, biology, pharmacology and medicine, and covers all current issues related to fluorescence and luminescence in general. Recent advances in fluorescence methods and techniques, and in the development and application of fluorescent probes will be of major relevance.

MAF 9 is expected to attract a large number of participants, owing not only to the cutting-edge scientific content, but also to the beautiful location and social programme. The organization of MAF 9 reserves the right to limit the number of participants in the conference to 350, and for this reason early registration is strongly recommended.

For further information and registration, see http://maf9.ist.utl.pt

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