

# 10th International Symposium on the Synthesis and Applications of Isotopes and Isotopically Labelled Compounds

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## MEETING OVERVIEW

The Tenth International Symposium on the Synthesis and Applications of Isotopes and Isotopically Labelled Compounds was held June 14–18, 2009 at the historic Hilton Chicago overlooking beautiful Lake Michigan. Chicago is a vibrant culturally diverse city famous for its the world class museums, shopping, sport teams, theater, architecture, and great restaurants which gave participants additional activities to enjoy outside of the symposium. The Symposium was Co-Sponsored by the International Isotope Society (IIS) and The Society for Whole-Body Autoradiography (SWBA) in conjunction with the World Council on Isotopes (WCI). Over 250 scientists and vendors representing 23 countries participated in the 4.5 day symposium.

The symposium was officially opened on Monday morning with a welcome address by Brad Maxwell, John Kennington and Gary Rotert, co-organizers of the symposium. This was followed by the International Isotope Society Business Meeting led by 2009 IIS President William Wheeler. Reports were presented by David Hesk the Executive Secretary of the IIS, Scott Landvatter, the Chief Financial Officer of the IIS and Crist Filer, Chairman of the 2009 Elections Committee. This was immediately followed by a Special Memorial Lecture Series honoring the Late Professor John Jones presented by two of Professor Jones' former students and one of his colleagues. The remainder of the Symposium followed in the successful format of the previous nine symposia with each morning starting with a one hour Plenary Lecture and a one hour Sponsored Lecture, followed by parallel oral sessions for the remainder of each day. The scientific program consisted of three Plenary Lectures, three Sponsored Lectures, 64 Oral Presentations including a Special Wiley Young Investigators Session and 63 Poster Presentations. Plenary Lectures were presented by Professor Robert Bergman (University of California at Berkeley), Dennis Dean, Ph.D. (Merck and Company) and Myung-Chul Lee, MD (Seoul National University Hospital). Sponsored Lectures were presented by Professor John Montgomery (University of Michigan), Professor Vicki Wysocki (University of Arizona) and Professor John Hartwig (University of Illinois). To highlight posters, a special two hour poster session was held on Monday Evening in the Exhibitors Hall to give attendees additional time to meet with representatives from the 19 Exhibitors that showcased their products. New to this Symposium Series was the addition of parallel oral sessions organized by Eric Solon and Alfred Lordi of the SWBA covering the use of Whole-Body Autoradiography.

As in the past, two highlights of the social program included the Sunday Evening Welcome Reception held in the Exhibitor Hall and the IIS Banquet held on Wednesday Evening. The IIS Banquet was opened with an excellent pre-dinner piano recital by Slava Levin, who also serves as the IIS web-master. During the Banquet, the IIS Award was presented to Dietrich Gantz for his many years of service to the IIS and to the Central European Division, especially the Annual Bad Soden CED Conference and to Tom Baillie of the University of Washington for his many years of service to the IIS, including serving as President in 1991. The Melvin Calvin Award was presented to Richard Heys for his important development of Tritium Exchange Chemistry. A new highlight of this symposium was the SWBA Banquet held on Tuesday Evening.

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