

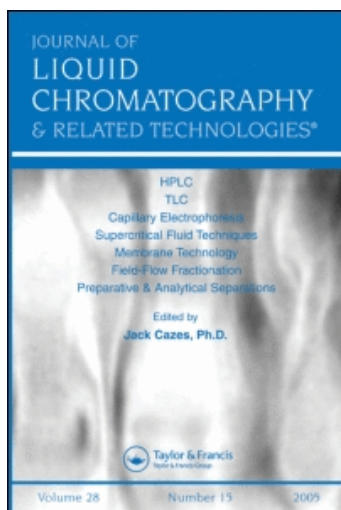
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MEETING REPORT

THE THIRD ANNUAL FREDERICK CONFERENCE ON CAPILLARY ELECTROPHORESIS

OCTOBER 20-21, 1992
FREDERICK, MARYLAND

The "Third Annual Frederick Conference on Capillary Electrophoresis" was, by all accounts, a very successful one. This conference, which was offered free to all (no registration fee), is the second largest meeting devoted to CE in North America. Compared to last year, there were more presentations (42), more attendees (over 300), and more corporate support. Judging from the response and support received this year, the organizers believe that this conference is now a permanent reality and an annual open forum for all. Although the budget for this conference was limited, the quality of presentations was of the highest caliber, given by the top scientists in this field within North America.

The conference opened with welcoming remarks by Dr. Raymond Gilden, Director of PRI, Frederick Operations and Dr. Haleem Issaq, General Chairman of the conference. The scientific presentations started with a plenary lecture "HPCE: Current Status and Future Trends" by Professor Barry Karger followed by a session on detection chaired by Professor Edward Yeung. The second session which was organized and chaired by Professor Ziad El Rassi dealt with column technology. Professor Richard Hartwick organized and chaired a session on measurements of biological interactions and binding studies by CE. The last session of the first day was organized and chaired by Professor Andrew Ewing and dealt with single cell detection, a very exciting topic. Posters were presented from 6:00-8:00 p.m. concurrent with a lively reception with open bar and hors d'oeuvres.

Professor Fred Regnier opened the next day with a plenary lecture on manipulation of electroosmotic flow in the optimization of CE separations. This was followed by a session organized and chaired by Dr. Norberto Guzman dealing with the application of CE to the separation of biological compounds (proteins, peptides and antigens). Professor Jack Henion organized and chaired a very successful session on CE/MS. Professor Shigeru Terabe opened the afternoon session on MECC chaired by Professor Michael Sepaniak with a comprehensive plenary lecture which dealt with an overview

of MECC. Professor Morteza Khaledi opened the last session with a lecture on "Solvent Effects in CE: Mixed Micelles and Purely Non-Aqueous Media" followed by a lecture on "The Effect of Organic Modifiers on CE Parameters" by Dr. George Janini. Ion separations by CE was the last topic of the day. Dr. Lenore Kelley of Spectra Physics and Dr. Jim Krol of Waters gave two very interesting and informative presentations on the subject.

Proceedings of the conference are published in this Special Issue of the Journal of Liquid Chromatography. The Fourth Annual Conference will be held in Frederick on October 19-20, 1993. A one-day CE Course will be offered on October 18, 1993, for a fee of \$125.00. This year's CE short course was attended by 65 persons. Dr. Issaq and his Scientific Committee and organizers, with the help of their corporate sponsors, vowed to keep the conference FREE for all i.e. no registration fee. We hope, for the sake of science, they can continue to do so.

We wish the conference organizers continued success.