



Welcome to Voice, the occasional newsletter of the Institute. Your 2013 ICI Diary is enclosed with this mailing, and I am taking this opportunity to fill you in on some of our activities in a busy 2012. **Please see the important note about the new electronic format of Irish Chemical News: you need to email us to be able to receive it.**

EuCheMS General Assembly 2012 and the Eva Philbin Annual Lecture Series 2012



10-12 October saw ICI host the EuCheMS General Assembly, following our successful bid in Serbia last year. EuCheMS (the European Association for Chemical and Molecular Sciences, www.euchems.eu) is the representative body for chemical societies in Europe, with over 40 members representing over 150,000 chemists. Its Secretariat in Brussels is ideally placed to promote the agenda of professional chemists to the EU, a facility of particular value to smaller organisations such as ICI.



Over 80 delegates came to the meeting, representing member societies and also Subject Divisions and Working Parties of EuCheMS. Chaired by **President Ulrich Schubert** (Vienna), the meeting was also attended by speaker invitees from several sister organisations, including the incoming President of the American Chemical Society, Marinda Wu, Professor Kazuyuki Tatsumi (President of IUPAC), Professor Luisa Cifarelli (President, European Physical Society), and Dr. Gernot Klotz (European Chemical Industry Council, CEFIC).

(For further details, see: www.euchems.eu/about/general-assembly/2012-dublin-ireland.html)



Above: G.A. delegates in the RIA Meeting Room/Library, with Flags of member countries (left), networking (centre), & Eva Philbin lecturer **Prof. Lesley Yellowlees** with ICI President Brian Murray during the meeting (right).

The General Assembly of EuCheMS was planned to coincide with the Lecture Tour of our Eva Philbin Annual Award Winner 2012, **Professor Lesley Yellowlees** of Edinburgh University. She gave her lecture, **“Powering Ahead with Solar Energy”** in Galway and Maynooth (8 and 9 November), and also presented a Public Lecture, **“Challenge Chemistry”** (11 November) as part of the EuCheMS meeting.



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The venue for the General Assembly was kindly provided by the **Royal Irish Academy** in Dawson Street. We would also like to thank the Dublin Convention Centre (Fáilte Ireland) for their assistance, and Trinity Biosciences provided the venue for the **“Challenge Chemistry”** lecture. Special thanks to the **Royal Society of Chemistry**, **PharmaChemical Ireland**, and **Institute of Technology Tallaght** for sponsoring the General Assembly in these difficult times.



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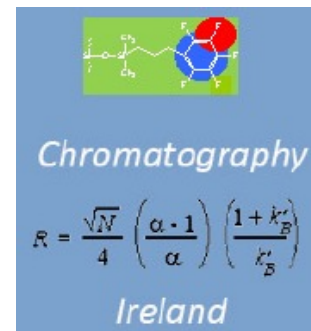
Annual Congress 2012

Annual Congress was held in UCC, on the theme of “Chromatography Ireland”, organized by **Professor Jeremy Glennon**. The occasion also saw the launch of **Chromatography Ireland** as a subject group of ICI open to all members (for more details, j.glennon@ucc.ie).

The Congress was held on a Monday (26 November), with many delegates availing of an excellent Dinner the night before, featuring **Professor Malcolm Smyth**, our 2012 Boyle-Higgins Medal recipient, as after-dinner speaker.



On the day, a wide range of speakers from DCU, UL, WIT, Waters, UCC, and Teagasc were supported by Poster Presenters. Principal sponsor was **Waters**, and Exhibitors included Agilent, Glantree, Mason, and Sigma-Aldrich.



Irish Chemical News: we need your e-Mail Address

Dr. Bob Baker of TCD having produced an excellent ICN in the new format earlier this year, has a second issue for 2012 imminent. His address is bakerrj@tcd.ie if you have specific articles/suggestions that you would like to contribute. Council has decided that it will be placed on our website, but to make it available to members generally, we need your email: this will either involve a PDF-type attachment, or a link to a website location. For this reason, we need all members to send us their email address if they wish to receive ICN in the future. **PLEASE NOTE THAT, SOON, THE CURRENT ICN ISSUE WILL CEASE TO BE AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE.**

Although some members have previously registered an email address with us, it may be out of date, so **please send an e-mail NOW to: info@instituteofchemistry.org using a suitable address i.e. **one that you are likely to monitor regularly into the future**, and which will allow you receive attachments.** The email you send should have “**e-ICN registration**” as the subject line, and should include the following 4 items: 1) Your full name; 2) Membership # (if you have it to hand); 3) Postal address registered with us (for confirmation; i.e. this should be the address on the mailout of this “Voice” newsletter; 4) Permission to send emails to you from third parties (i.e. YES or NO): if “YES”, we may use your address to send you emails from third parties of material that may be of interest to members; if “NO”, the address will only be used for e-ICN issues and other notifications of ICI events/business.

Sample email content: 1) **Joe Bloggs** 2) **M9999** 3) **99 Chemistry St, Dublin 99** 4) **YES**

(IF YOU DID THIS EARLIER IN 2012, YOU DON'T NEED TO DO IT AGAIN).

ICI Young Chemists

Joint Coordinators **Aurora Walshe** and **Lisa Phelan** (left photos) were active as part of EYCN (the European Young Chemists Network: www.eycn.eu), a division of EuCheMS).

They represented us at the **EuCheMS Congress** (the 4th Biennial Congress, held in Prague, 26-30 August), where their activities including a “**Chemistry Speed-Date**” career workshop (third photo). The Opening Plenary Lecture was given by Nobel Laureate, **Professor Jean Marie-Lehn** (Strasbourg) on “**From Supramolecular Chemistry towards Adaptive Chemistry**” (right photo). The next EuCheMS Congress is in Turkey in 2014.



Aurora also represented us at the EuCheMS General Assembly in Dublin.

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Our Thanks to Waters Chromatography Ireland Ltd. – and in particular to Davnet Donnelly (National Sales Manager) for their continuing support of the ICI Diaries.

For a full list of Council Members and Area Representatives, see your diary.

My Compliments of the Season, and all the Best for 2013. Your suggestions for ICI are always welcome.

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