



INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM FOR HIGH PERFORMANCE THIN-LAYER CHROMATOGRAPHY

Berlin (Germany), 9–11 October 2006

We are enthusiastic to learn how many analysts are now confronted with situations where Instrumental High-Performance Thin-Layer Chromatography is a suitable solution to their problems and is favored over better known and more widely used analytical methods. At the same time it is rather difficult nowadays to find a place for this technique in the minds of opinion leaders, even if the need exists in analytical laboratories.

This has arisen through inadequate information and training. How to select the method; how to use planar chromatography when it is described as a method of choice; avoidance of usual mistakes; which other samples may be well covered by this technique, etc.

To address these issues an exchange of knowledge is foremost, from which sprang our motivation to hold again an international event with the Interlaken series spirit, last held in 1997.

The first issue, which was held in Lyon (France) in 2003, held its promises with 116 participants from 17 countries, 2 workshops, 15 lectures, 26 posters, and a 4 manufacturers' session. After this success we are happy to welcome you to Berlin from the 9th to the 11th October 2006. Berlin, the capital of Germany, is dynamic, cosmopolitan and creative, allowing for every kind of lifestyle. East meets West in the metropolis at the heart of a changing Europe.

Germany's largest city is a city of opportunities just waiting to be seized in all areas, like entertainment, recreation, economy, science and academic life. This appears to us as the best choice for this 2nd issue.

With the firm idea to look straight forward, the program expects to provide exactly what you need. The main symposium, featuring lectures and posters, will provide a real overview of the most recent advances in all the application fields where TLC has a place. Training and the manufacturers' sessions will be held in conjunction with the main symposium but functioning as a separate program. The training program is strongly focused to provide all your needs in a short time. This time a special workshop will be targeted on validation. The best experts will be there to guide you through each step and explain what you need to know, independent of your level of expertise.

Such an event wouldn't be possible without support from the manufacturers. As in all other high technology fields, they are at the forefront of innovation and technical improvement. Their collaboration with world leaders in the field from the early days of TLC has ensured development of Instrumental HPTLC to a modern analytical technique.

We are looking forward to share our knowledge, ideas and enthusiasm!

The scientific program will feature invited keynote speakers, selected submitted lectures and poster presentations. Contributions are invited from all areas of planar chromatography, especially from colleagues working in the pharmaceutical, food, environmental and medical fields (see First Circular in CBS 94).

Colleagues wishing to participate in the scientific program should submit a brief abstract to the Chairman of the Scientific Committee, Prof. Dr. Lothar W. Kroh, Institute for Food Chemistry, Technical University Berlin, Gustav-Meyer-Allee 25, D-13355 Berlin, Germany, fax +49 (0)30 314 725 85 or to info@hptlc.com stating whether they wish to present an oral presentation or a poster. We decided to extend the deadline for the submission of papers to 31 March 2006.

In the interest of international participants we defined English as sole symposium language for publications and presentations.

Abstract should be no more than 250 words and 2 figures/tables in a MS Word file (in Arial, font size 12, justified). The abstract should indicate the title, the author's names (with the presenting author underlined), affiliation (with e-mail address) and a brief description of the work to be presented. All submissions will be reviewed by the scientific committee and authors will be informed of their decision by 15 May 2006.

All accepted contributions will be published in the symposium proceedings. Papers presented at the symposium will be also published after review, in a special issue of an analytical journal. Complete manuscripts must be delivered to the publishers' representative at the time of the symposium.

The Second Circular will be published until end of this year containing further details.