





Welcome to Voice, the occasional newsletter of the Institute. Your 2014 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 2013.

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EuCheMS General Assembly 2013



This year's General Assembly took place in Budapest, Hungary on October 24th-25th. This event is becoming more important as delegates meet, and get to know one another and build relationships. 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.

Some 60-70 delegates came to the meeting, representing member societies and also Subject Divisions and Working Parties of EuCheMS. Chaired by *President Ulrich Schubert* (Vienna), constitutional changes were approved to be published later officially in French (under Belgian law) and an English translation will be available. The new President Elect is Professor David Cole-Hamilton of the University of Saint Andrews, Scotland. Next year's general assembly will be held in the medieval town of Toruń, Poland and is the birthplace of the astronomer Copernicus.







Delegates at the General Assembly 2013 Budapest Prof. Cole-Hamilton

Old town Square, Tolun

Next year will see the 5th EuCheMS Chemistry Congress take place in Turkey.



Annual Congress 2013 could not take place due to circumstances beyond our control. Two venues were tentatively identified but with semesterisation at colleges possible dates are difficult to arrange. Next year we plan having a Congress 2014 at the Limerick Institute of Technology with a theme of Innovation in the PharmaChemical sector.

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The second issue of Irish Chemical News was published electronically in September. It's available on our web site http://www.chemistryireland.org or by email. It contains two significant research feature articles in addition to reports and news. Our editor Dr Robert Baker is making great efforts to obtain articles for publications but it's a struggle to get submissions with time constraints on university researchers and the desire to publish in widely circulated professional journals. Two council members Margaret Franklin and Brian Murray have agreed to assist Bob in his efforts. I do urge researchers and chemists in industry and institutions to submit articles telling us about you research, what your company or institution does.

Eurovariety 2013

Took place at the University of Limerick in July organised by Peter Childs and sponsored by ICI, RSC, MSD, and Aughinish Rusal. Some 80 delegates from Europe and further afield attended.

Boyle Higgins Lecture

This year's lecture was given by Dr. Sheila Willis of the Forensic Science Laboratory and hosted by DIT Kevin St.



Dr Sheila Willis receiving her Boyle Higgins Gold Medal from Institute lively, interesting and entertaining lecture.



Professor Roesky receiving his award plaque from Institute President, Patrick Hobbs. October 2013. Prof Roesky (University of Göttingen) is one of the foremost inorganic chemists in Germany and has published over 1500 papers.

Annual Chemistry Lecture 2013

Two lectures tool place in Trinity in October, one more formal and the second a demonstration lecture which attracted over a hundred young students. The Eva Philbin awardee and speaker was Prof Herbert Roesky.

EYCN

This year the two ICI Young Members Representatives, Lisa and Aurora, travelled to St. Petersburg for the European Young Chemists Network annual Delegate's Assembly. During the meeting Lisa was elected to the Board of EYCN as the External Communications Team Leader and Aurora was re-elected as Secretary. Together, they hope to bring Irish chemistry to a European audience and, in turn, to bring the benefits of EYCN to the ICI: this year the EYCN Poster Prize was awarded to Michelle Conroy from UCC.

Science Week

ICI entered a team in the Science Quiz and were the clear winners followed by Public Analyst Lab. The ICI Team were Margaret Franklin, Brian Murray, Ray Leonard and Patrick Hobbs. PAL team John Keegan, Fintan Young, Patrick English, and Terrance McEvoy.



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

Council elections took place in April. President for 2013-14 is Patrick Hobbs MSc, FICI, MRSC, CChem, CSci and Vice President, Margaret Franklin MSc.

Compliments of the Season, and Best Wishes for 2014. Your suggestions for ICI are always welcome. Please do recruit new members, suggest a colleague become a member. There are vacancies on Council, women are underrepresented. Can you make a contribution to Irish professional chemistry?