



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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