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Mednarodna kemijska olimpijada 2018

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Letošnja mednarodna kemijska olimpijada je bila jubilejna. Vse skupaj se je namreč začelo leta 1968 v takratni Češkoslovaški republiki. Zato sta se za organizacijo letošnje, 50. mednarodne kemijske olimpijade, skupaj prijavili Češka in Slovaška Republika.

Olimpijada je potekala od 19. do 29.7.2018; začeli smo v Bratislavi, in se kasneje preselili še v Prago. Olimpijade se je udeležila naslednja ekipa: Vid Krmelj, Martin Rihtarsič (oba srebrna medalja, in oba iz gimnazije Škofja Loka), Jože Gašperlin (bronasta medalja, gimnazija Kranj) in Nastja Medle (gimnazija Novo mesto). Vsem štirim čestitamo za res lep uspeh!

Ekipo sva vodila mentorja dr. Berta Košmrlj in dr. Andrej Godec, oba iz Fakultete za kemijo in kemijsko tehnologijo v Ljubljani.

Priprave na olimpijado in izbirna tekmovanja potekajo v Ljubljani. Letos je pri tem sodelovala naslednja ekipa FKKT: dr. Berta Košmrlj, dr. Helena Prosen, dr. Alojz Demšar, dr. Darko Dolenc, dr. Andrej Godec in dr. Jernej Markelj. Pomagali sta še Branka Miklavčič in Mojca Žitko.

Pri organizaciji udeležbe na olimpijadi sodelujemo z

Zvezo za tehniško kulturo Slovenije. Vsem se za pomoč najlepše zahvaljujemo.

Letošnje olimpijade se je udeležilo 300 tekmovalcev iz 76 držav. Vsaka država ima lahko največ štiri tekmovalce, in dva mentorja. Zastopani so pravzaprav že vsi kontinenti. Vsako leto pa pridejo tudi države opazovalke, ki potem že naslednje leto lahko pripeljejo tudi tekmovalce. Letos so to bile Gana, Luksemburg, Mali, Katar, Šrilanka in Združeni arabski emirati, tako da lahko že naslednje leto pričakujemo še več tekmovalcev.

Absolutni zmagovalec letošnje olimpijade je bil Qinyu Chen iz Kitajske (dosežek zaokroženih 94%), drugi je bil Rus Aleksei Konoplev (90%), in tretji Korejec Raymond Eugene Bahng (89%). Vsega skupaj je bilo podeljenih 35 zlatih, 65 srebrnih in 95 bronastih medalj. Naš dosežek je bil odličen: Vid je v absolutni konkurenčni zasedel 67. mesto (73%), Martin 94. (66%) in Jože 140. (58%).

Na olimpijadi sta dva tekmovalna dneva: najprej je na vrsti praktično delo v laboratoriju, in kasneje še teoretični test. Vsak traja po pet ur.

Vloga mentorjev je usklajevanje in prevajanje besedil



Slovenska ekipa na 50. mednarodni kemijski olimpijadi. Z leve so Andrej Godec, Berta Košmrlj, Nastja Medle, Martin Rihtarsič, Jože Gašperlin, Vid Krmelj, in Eliška Lieberzeitová, vodička naše ekipe.

nalog, kar nam vzame večino časa. Na koncu naloge svoje ekipe popraviva, in ocene usklajujeva z organizatorjевimi na arbitraži.

Otvoritev letošnje olimpijade je bila 21.7. v dvorani Stará Tržnica v centru Bratislavе. Gre za dogodek najvišjega ranga v državi organizatorki, zato so tam predstavniki politike, stroke in medijev, otvoritev pa je tudi priložnost, da država organizatorka predstavi svoje dosežke in kulturno. Udeležence so letos najprej pozdravili predstavniki ministrstev Slovaške in Češke republike, ter zatem še rektorja obeh univerz, organizatorjev olimpijade. Na Slovaškem je to bila Univerza Comenius (CU, *Univerzita Komenského*), največja in najstarejša v tem delu sveta. Tradicija te univerze temelji na Akademiji Istropolitana, ki jo je leta 1465 v Bratislavi ustanovil madžarski kralj Matthias Corvinus. Soorganizatorka na češki strani je bila Vysoká škola chemicko-technologická (UCT) v Pragi.

Po uvodni slovesnosti smo mentorji odšli na ogled centra Bratislavе in popoldne na večerjo in srečanje z dijaki na gradu Červený Kameň. Center Bratislavе je podoben ljubljanskemu, le da je večji, v njem pa v glavnem prevladujejo turisti, tako da je kar nekam prazen.

Slovaška je sicer geografski center Evrope. Krasi jo lepa narava, pa naprimer 1600 mineralnih vrelcev, v katerih se je namakal tudi Ludwig van Beethoven. Ima najstarejše in največje rudnike opala na svetu; tukaj je bil najden najtežji, Harlekýn, ki ima kar 607 gramov. Oboje, dragi kamni in mineralna voda, je nastopalo tudi v nalogah, ki so jih reševali dijaki.



Slovaki radi šahirajo.

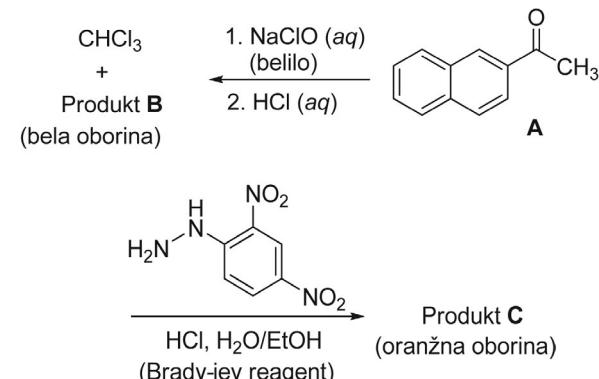


Laboratorijski pult tekmovalca.

Hrana je podobna naši, in tako kot naša tudi zelo dobra. Marija Terezija je kljub odporu prebivalcev tukaj uvedla sajenje krompirja, kar je rešilo takratni problem la-kote, krompir pa je danes postal nacionalno živilo številka 1. Iz krompirjevega testa delajo razne cmove in piroške, naprimer izvrstne *bryndzové pirohy*, ki so napolnjeni z ovčjo skuto. Ponudbo hrane dopolnjuje zelo popularno zelje, ter različno meso, od tega še največ govedina.

Mentorji smo drugi dan dopoldne opravili pregled laboratorijev na Univerzi Comenius, kjer bodo dijaki izvajali tri poskuse. Prvi tekmovalni dan na olimpijadi namreč pomeni praktično delo, mentorji pa moramo preveriti, ali je na pultih vsa oprema, ki jo bodo potrebovali.

Prva naloga v praktičnem delu je bila organska sinteza; sledila je izolacija produktov in analiza čistoče, ki je potekala s tankoplastno kromatografijo. Izhodna spojina reakcije je bil (2-naftil)etanon (na shemi A, 2-acetonafton), s katerim so izvedli haloformsko reakcijo (produkt B), ter potem še reakcijo z Bradyjevim reagentom (produkt C).



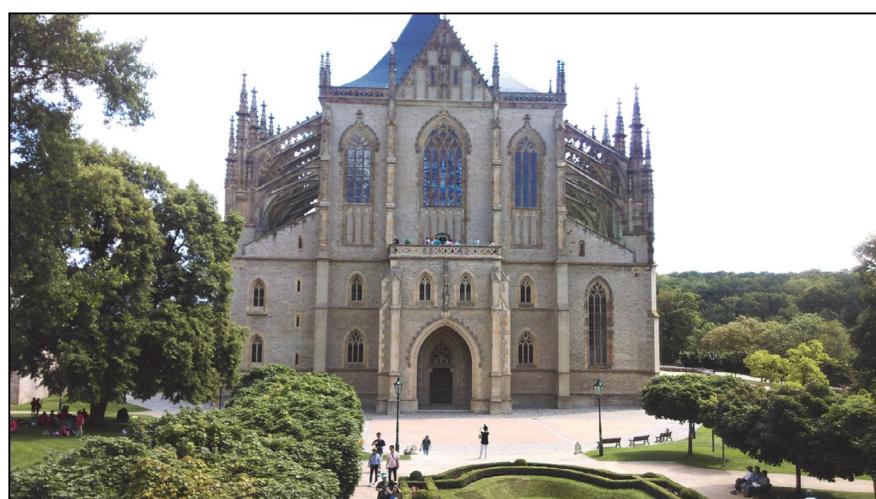
Pri tej nalogi so morali dijaki med drugim izvesti ekstrakcijo, ter vakuumsko filtracijo produktov.

Druga naloga je bila iz fizikalne kemije. Dijaki so določali kinetiko oscilirajoče reakcije; izhodna spojina je bil luminol, ki je vir kemoluminiscence. V prisotnosti primernega katalizatorja, npr. Cu^{2+} , lahko reagira z oksidanti, najbolj pogosto z H_2O_2 , pri čemer nastanejo produkti v vzbujenem elektronskem stanju. Ti produkti sprostijo presežno energijo z oddajanjem modre svetlobe. Celoten postopek lahko z dodatkom cisteina spremenimo v oscilirajočo reakcijo, pri kateri se pojavi svetloba po določenem indukcijskem času. Ko se ves cistein porabi, postane baker ponovno katalitično aktiven, kar se pokaže z bliskom modre svetlobe. Čas, ki je potreben, da se pojavi blisk, so dijaki uporabili pri študiju hitrosti oksidacije cisteina, ki jo katalizira baker. S spremembo koncentracij in reakcijskih pogojev so na koncu določili konstanti reakcijskih hitrosti v hitrostnem zakonu: $v = k_1[\text{H}_2\text{O}_2][\text{Cu}] + k_2[\text{Cu}]$. Avtorji te naloge so bili res izčrpni, saj so upoštevali tudi temperaturno odvisnost hitrosti reakcije in rezultate normalizirali na sobno temperaturo.

Tretja naloga v tem delu je bila analiza mineralnih vod, s katerimi je Slovaška res bogata. Najvišjo koncentra-



Jedilni list.



Kutná Hora.

cijo mineralov ima vrelec Solivar (292 g L^{-1}), najvišjo koncentracijo H_2S vrelec Smrdáky (292 g L^{-1}), največ CO_2 pa Korytnica ($3,8 \text{ g L}^{-1}$). Dijaki so med drugim izvedli kompleksometrično analizo z EDTA, in na koncu ugotovili, katera mineralna voda izmed 11 možnosti je bila njihov vzorec.

Mentorji smo se po dveh dneh preselili v Prago, kjer smo prevajali najprej praktične naloge, potem pa še teoretične. Vsako od obeh prevajanj traja ves dan, pri tem pa je treba biti zelo precisen, saj ne sme priti do napak. Dijaki imajo sicer možnost vpogleda tudi v angleško verzijo testa, vendar se počutijo mnogo bolj suverene, če lahko naloge prebirajo v svojem jeziku.

Praktični test pomeni 40% končnega rezultata, in teoretični 60%. Nasprost je bila ekipa letos v laboratoriju nekaj manj uspešna kot lani, vendar moram povedati, da so bile naloge časovno zahtevne, in prostor na pultu zelo omejen.

Preden smo začeli s prevajanjem teoretičnih nalog, smo si mentorji seveda ogledali Prago. To mesto kar kipi, saj v njem poleg turistov in domačinov srečate tudi veliko študentov, ki so prišli sem študirat. Obvezen je obisk Karlovega mostu, pa praškega gradu, ki je največje grajsko področje na svetu. Ponoči je lepo osvetljen, za kar gre zasluga rock ansambla Rolling Stones, ki je pokril vse stroške zunanje razsvetljave na gradu. Tukaj je močno sled pustil tudi naš arhitekt Jože Plečnik, o čemer vam bodo Čehi pričovali z velikim spoštovanjem.

Na programu je bila tudi čudovita pot z ladjo po Vltavi, kjer se lahko navdušujete nad lepimi vedutami mesta. Obvezen je seveda obisk Švejkove pivnice. Čehi pridelajo (in popijejo) res veliko najrazličnejšega piva, in nekaj od tega smo izkusili tudi sami. Pivska zgodba je sploh zanimiva; pred stoletji je bila namreč poraba piva na osebo tudi desetkrat večja kot danes, saj je bila kvaliteta vode slaba. Pred težaškim delom so ljudje zjutraj pojedli kruh in toplo pivo; služabnikom na dvoru sta naprimer pripadala dva litra piva dnevno, poleg nekaj vina seveda. Navada je osta-

la, in tako je danes pivo tudi sestavina raznih jedi, od pivskih juh pa vse do slastnih omak in slaščic. Najbolj značna piva so Staropramen, pa Kozel, Budweiser iz mesta České Budějovice in tako naprej. Večino lahko danes dobite tudi v Sloveniji.

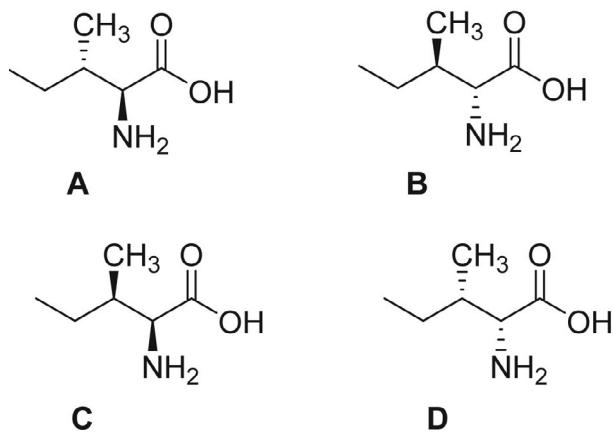
Mentorji smo obiskali tudi mesto Kutná Hora, zakladnico čeških kraljev, saj so bila tukaj bogata najdišča srebra. Mesto je bilo zato od trinajstega stoletja dalje eno najpomembnejših v državi. Impozantna je katedrala Sv. Barbare, posvečena zaščitnici rudarjev. V precej bizarni podzemni kapeli na mestnem pokopališču pa lahko vidite kosti več kot 40 000 ljudi, iz katerih so pri obnovah pred več kot sto leti naredili »dekoracije«, naprimer ogromni lestenec in vase.

Vse to so organizatorji uporabili tudi pri teoretičnih nalogah na olimpijadi, ki jih bom opisal v nadaljevanju. Vse informacije v zvezi z olimpijado najdete na spletni strani organizatorja (<https://50icho.eu/>), in v naši spletni učilnici Kemljub, kjer so na voljo tudi druge vsebine (<https://skupnost.sio.si/course/view.php?id=150>).

Prva teoretična naloga je bila na temo DNK. Dijaki so morali analizirati termodinamiko nastanka dvojne vijačnice DNK iz posameznih verig ter njeno odvisnost od temperature. Izračunali so konstanto ravnotežja za asociacijo enojnih verig za nepalindromno in za palindromno DNA. Iz podatkov za spremembo proste entalpije asociacije in temperaturnih odvisnosti so izračunali še standarno spremembo entalpije ΔH° in standardno spremembo entropije ΔS° asociacije.

Druga naloga je bila na temo kosti vladarja Lotharja III., ki je umrl leta 1136 na poti iz juga Italije domov. Da bi med transportom ohranili truplo, so zgodovinarji predpostavili, da so njegovi vojaki truplo skuhal; to hipotezo pa je bilo možno potrditi šele v dvajsetem stoletju z uporabo kemijske kinetike. Datiranje je osnovano na razmerju optičnih izomerov aminokislín. Po smrti se začne racemizacija L-aminokislín, dokler ne pride do ravnotežja med L- in D-obliko. Na ta način lahko določijo starost fosilov

ali kosti do 40 000 let. Pogoj je, da se temperatura ne spreminja dosti, vpliva pa seveda tudi vlaga. Nalogo so avtorji sestavili na primeru L-izoleucina, dijaki pa so morali najprej določiti konfiguracijo in iz termodinamskih podatkov izračunati prosto entalpijo vsakega stereoizomera.



Nato so naredili izračune koncentracij L- in D-oblike, ki sta prisotni po 1943 urah kuhanja pri 374K. Na koncu so iz podobnih podatkov za arginin izračunali še, da so morali truplo Lotharja III kuhati 6 ur.

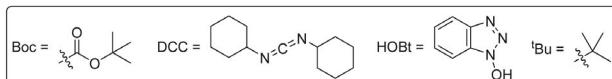
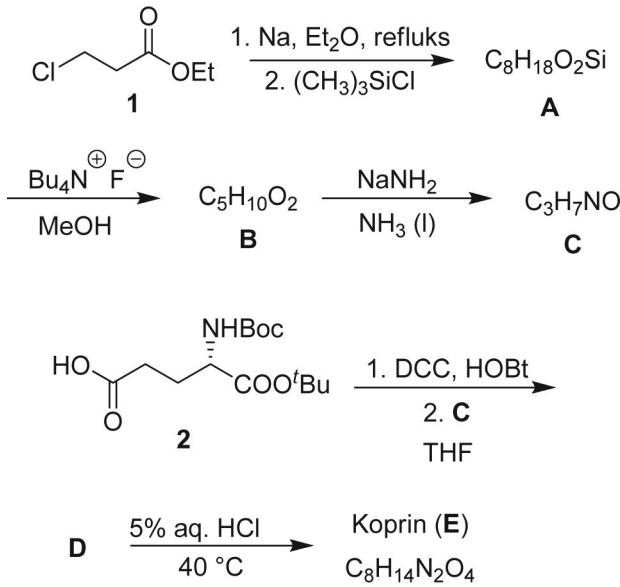
Tretja naloga je bila na temo elektromobilnosti. Gorivne celice predstavljajo način, kako povečati izkoristek motorjev v bodočnosti. To lahko dosežemo z gorivnimi celicami na osnovi vodika. Dijaki so morali najprej iz standardnih tvorbenih entalpij izračunati vrednosti specifičnih sežignih entalpij čistega tekočega izootkana in čistega plinastega vodika. Nato so s pomočjo entropij izračunali napetost vodikove gorivne celice, in njen termodinamski izkoristek. Alternativa tem so lahko gorivne celice na osnovi hidrazina (N_2H_4). Dopolniti so morali Latimerjev diagram z oblikami hidrazina in amonijaka, ki prevladujejo pri danih pogojih. Na koncu pa so za primerjavo izračunali še energijsko gostoto (v kWh kg^{-1}) modelne litij-ionske baterije.

Tema četrte naloge je bila pozitronska emisijska tomografija, ki se uporablja za diagnozo raka. Razen florovih in ogljikovih radioizotopov se v tej tehniki lahko uporablja tudi ^{64}Cu . Naloga 4 je obsegala pripravo tega izotopa iz ^{64}Zn , ki ga obstreljujejo z devterijem. Takšno aktivirano tarčo raztopimo v koncentrirani raztopini klorovodikove kisline (HCl (aq)), pri čemer nastane zmes, ki vsebuje Cu^{2+} in Zn^{2+} ione in njihove kloridne komplekse. Dijaki so morali s pomočjo konstante kompleksacije določiti deleža obeh. To zmes so nato ločili z anionskim izmenjevalcem. Z uporabo povprečnih masnih distribucijskih koeficientov D_g ($D_g(\text{Cu delci}) = 17.4 \text{ cm}^3 \text{ g}^{-1}$, $D_g(\text{Zn delci}) = 78.5 \text{ cm}^3 \text{ g}^{-1}$) so morali izračunati retencijski volumen V_R v cm^3 za bakrove in cinkove delce in ugotoviti, ali so se ločili.

Peta naloga je bila posvečena českemu granatu (pirrop), ki je cenjen poldrag kamen med izdelovalci nakita. Sestava českega granata je $\text{Mg}_2\text{Al}_2(\text{SiO}_4)_3$, rdečo barvo tega

granata pa povzročajo primesi kroma. Granati imajo kučno osnovno celico. Dijaki so morali iz podatkov za osnovno celico izračunati gostoto granata, ter narisati in ovrednotiti diagram razcepja orbital. Razen tega so morali ugotoviti, kateri absorpcijski spekter je značilen za posamezen mineral izmed štirih možnosti: rdeč češki granat, zelen uvarovit, moder safir in rumeno-oranžen citrin. Na koncu pa so morali za sintetični granat YAG (itrijev aluminijev granat, $\text{Y}_3\text{Al}_5\text{O}_{12}$), ki se uporablja v optoelektroniki, ugotoviti strukturo, če je dopiran z ioni redkih zemelj, in ugotoviti, kakšna bi bila svetloba laserja, narejenega iz teh materialov.

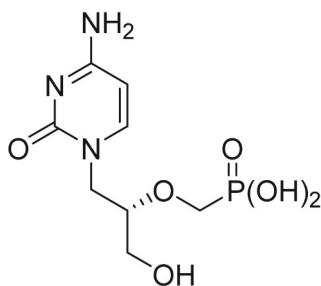
Šesta teoretična naloga je bila v zvezi z gobarjenjem, ki je tudi v teh državah zelo popularna aktivnost. Prava tintovka (*Coprinopsis atramentaria*) velja za užitno speciatlito. Vsebuje naravno snov koprin (E), ki ga lahko sintetiziramo iz etil 3-kloropropanoata (1) po shemi spodaj.



Dijaki so morali narisati formule spojin A–E in prikazati stereokemijo. V telesu koprin hidrolizira do L-glutaminske kisline in naprej do spojine, ki je odgovorna za škodljiv stranski učinek koprina, saj inhibira encim acetaldehid dehidrogenazo, ki sodeluje v presnovi alkohola. Po inhibiciji encima nastaja acetaldehid, ki se nabira v telesu in povzroči močne simptome podobne mačku (takoimenovani antabusni sindrom). Ta sindrom je dobil ime po antabusu, ki je najbolj znano zdravilo za zdravljenje odvisnosti od alkohola. Dijaki so morali dopolniti reakcijske sheme za omenjene reakcije. Na koncu pa so obravnavali še gobo pomladanski hrček (*Gyromitra esculenta*), ki je, čeprav je veljala za užitno, zaradi giromitrina strupena, in terja posebno pripravo. Dopolnili so reakcijske sheme za

sintezo te spojine, ter za njeno hidrolizo, ki se začne takoj, ko pride v stik s kislom okoljem želodca. Iz podatkov za nihanje vezi C-N so izračunali še kinetični izotopski efekt za hidrolizo pri telesni temperaturi.

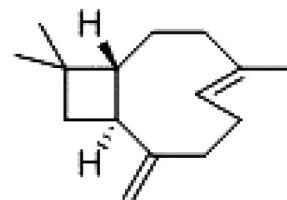
Sedma naloga je bila posvečena cidofoviju (1), ki ga je pripravil profesor Holý iz bivše Čehoslovaške. Gre za analog nukleotida s protivirusnim delovanjem, uporablja pa se za zdravljenje virusnih infekcij, predvsem pri pacientih, ki imajo AIDS. Več kot polovica pacientov, inficiranih z HIV ali hepatitisom B, se zdravi z zdravili, ki jih je razvil ta znanstvenik.



Cidofovij (1)

Dijaki so morali dopolniti reakcijsko shemo za sintezo te spojine, ki vključuje več vmesnih produktov, in vključiti povsod še stereokemijo.

Zadnja, osma naloga, je bila na temo β -kariofilena, ki se nahaja v klinčkih, baziliki, rožmarinu in kanabisu, najdemo pa ga tudi v nekaterih tradicionalnih čeških in slovaških rastlinah, kot sta hmelj ali lipovec.



V naravi ga vedno najdemo skupaj z izomerom. Dijaki so dopolnili reakcijsko shemo za sintezo β -kariofilena, ter proučevali različno reaktivnost dvojnih vezi v tej spojni ter v izomeru.

Pri nalogah na olimpijadi sta najbolj zastopani fizikalna in organska kemija, skupaj skoraj 70%, zato je tudi na pripravah največ poudarka na teh dveh.

Naslednja mednarodna kemijska olimpijada bo v Parizju.

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24 – 25	IES2018 – 25 TH SEMINAR AND SYMPOSIUM ON INFORMATION AND EXPERT SYSTEMS IN THE PROCESS INDUSTRIES Belgrade, Serbia Information: http://bg.ac.rs/en/members/faculties/FTM.php
28 – 31	XXIX INTERAMERICAN CONGRESS OF CHEMICAL ENGINEERING INCORPORATING THE 68 TH CANADIAN CHEMICAL ENGINEERING CONFERENCE Toronto, Canada Information: http://www.csche2018.ca/

November 2018

4 – 7	2018 – SUSTAINABLE INDUSTRIAL PROCESSING SUMMIT Rio de Janeiro, Brazil Information: https://www.flogen.org/sips2018/
4 – 8	EMERGING POLYMER TECHNOLOGIES SUMMIT Hanoi, Vietnam Information: http://emts18.org/index.html
5 – 7	MicrobiotaMi 2018 Milano, Italy Information: https://microbiotami.com/
5 – 9	XXIII INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CHEMICAL REACTORS Ghent, Belgium Information: http://conf.nsc.ru/CR_23/en/
7 – 9	14 TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON POLYSACCHARIDES-GLYCOSCIENCE (14 TH ICPG) Praha, Czech Republic Information: http://www.polysaccharides.csch.cz/index.html
11 – 17	FOURTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON APPLICATION OF RADIOTRACERS AND ENERGETIC BEAMS IN SCIENCES (ARCEBS-2018) Kolkata, India Information: https://indico.cern.ch/event/674510/
19 – 20	INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON MOLECULAR BIOLOGY & STEM CELLS Paris, France Information: http://molecularbiology.alliedacademies.com/

- 20 – 22 2ND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON FUNCTIONAL MATERIALS AND CHEMICAL ENGINEERING(ICFMCE 2018)
Information: Abu Dhabi,UAE, United Arab Emirates
<http://www.icfmce.org/>
- 25 – 29 30TH INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON THE CHEMISTRY OF NATURAL PRODUCTS AND THE 10TH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON BIODIVERSITY
Information: Athens, Greece
<http://www.iscnp30-icob10.org/>

December 2018

- 19 – 20 THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ADVANCED AND APPLIED PETROLEUM, PETROCHEMICALS, AND POLYMERS (ICAPPP2018)
Information: Bangkok, Thailand
<http://www.icappp2018.com/>

2019**January 2019**

- 18 – 20 2ND INTERNATIONAL JOINT CONFERENCE ON MATERIALS SCIENCE AND MECHANICAL ENGINEERING (CMSME 2019)
Information: Phuket, Thailand
<http://www.cmsme.net/>
- 29 IYPT2019 OPENING CEREMONY
Information: Paris, France
<http://www.iypt2019.org/>

February 2019

- 12 EMPOWERING WOMEN IN CHEMISTRY: A GLOBAL NETWORKING EVENT
Information: Online
<https://iupac.org/100/global-breakfast/>
- 21 – 24 3RD INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ENGINEERING PHYSICS AND OPTOELECTRONIC ENGINEERING (ICEPOE 2019)
Information: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
<http://www.icepoe.org/>

March 2019

- 11 – 13 2ND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON MATERIALS SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING (ICMSE-2)
Information: Giza /Cairo , Egypt
<https://icmse-egypt2019.org/>
- 11 – 15 6TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON MULTIFUNCTIONAL, HYBRID AND NANOMATERIALS
Information: Sitges, Spain
<https://www.elsevier.com/events/conferences/international-conference-on-multifunctional-hybrid-and-nanomaterials>
- 24 – 28 1ST GHI WORLD CONGRESS ON FOOD SAFETY AND SECURITY (GHI2019)
Information: Leiden, The Netherlands
<https://gheworldcongress.org/>
- 31 – Apr. 4 AIChE SPRING MEETING 2019 AND 15TH GLOBAL CONGRESS ON PROCESS SAFETY
Information: New Orleans, USA
<https://www.aiche.org/conferences/aiche-spring-meeting-and-global-congress-on-process-safety/2019>

April 2019

- 9 – 12 26TH CROATIAN MEETING OF CHEMISTS AND CHEMICAL ENGINEERS (26HSKIKI)
Šibenik, Croatia
Information: <http://www.26hskiki.org/en/>

May 2019

- 19 – 24 14TH IUPAC INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF CROP PROTECTION CHEMISTRY
Ghent, Belgium
Information: <https://www.iupac2019.be>

June 2019

- 2 – 6 14TH INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON MACROCYCLIC AND SUPRAMOLECULAR
CHEMISTRY
Lecce, Italy
Information: <https://ismsc2019.eu/>
- 11 – 13 23RD GREEN CHEMISTRY & ENGINEERING CONFERENCE AND 9TH INTERNATIONAL
CONFERENCE ON GREEN AND SUSTAINABLE CHEMISTRY
Reston, Virginia, United States
Information: <http://www.gcande.org/>
- 16 – 19 9TH INTERNATIONAL COLLOIDS CONFERENCE
Sitges, Spain
Information: <https://www.elsevier.com/events/conferences/international-colloids-conference>
- 16 – 19 LOSS PREVENTION 2019
Delft, The Netherlands
Information: <http://lossprevention2019.org/>
- 16 – 20 17TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CHEMISTRY AND THE ENVIRONMENT
– ICCE2019
Thessaloniki, Greece
Information: <http://www.euchems.eu/events/17th-international-conference-chemistry-environment-icce2019/>
- 16 – 20 12TH IWA INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON WATER RECLAMATION AND REUSE
Berlin, Germany
Information: <http://efce.info/IWA+Conference+2019.html>
- 26 – 28 THERMODYNAMICS 2019
Huelva, Spain
Information: <http://efce.info/Thermodynamics+2019.html>
- 26 – 30 6TH EUROPEAN CONFERENCE ON ENVIRONMENTAL APPLICATIONS OF
ADVANCED OXIDATION PROCESSES (EAAOP-6)
Portorož, Slovenia
Information: <http://eaaop6.ki.si/>

July 2019

- 1 – 3 CONGRESS ON NUMERICAL METHODS IN ENGINEERING
Guimarães, Portugal
Information: www.cmn2019.pt
- 5 – 12 IUPAC 2019 PARIS FRANCE
Paris, France
Information: <https://www.iupac2019.org/>
- 21 – 26 THE 18TH INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON NOVEL AROMATIC COMPOUNDS
(ISNA-18)
Sapporo City, Japan
Information: <https://iupac.org/event/18th-international-symposium-novel-aromatic-compounds-isna-18/>

26 – 28	MENDELEEV 150: 4 TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE PERIODIC TABLE ENDORSED BY IUPAC Saint Petersburg, Russian Federation Information: http://mendeleev150.ifmo.ru/
30 – Aug. 1	8 TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR NETWORK FOR INTER-ASIAN CHEMISTRY EDUCATORS (NICE) Taipei, Taiwan Information: https://iupac.org/event/8th-international-conference-network-inter-asian-chemistry-educators/

August 2019

4 – 8	36 TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF SOLUTION CHEMISTRY Xining China Information: http://icsc2019.csp.escience.cn/
25 – 30	6 TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE CHEMISTRY AND PHYSICS OF THE TRANSACTINIDE ELEMENTS (TAN 19) Wilhelmshaven, Germany Information: https://www-win.gsi.de/tan19/

September 2019

1 – 5	EFMC-ASMC'19 – EFMC INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON ADVANCES IN SYNTHETIC AND MEDICINAL CHEMISTRY Athens, Greece Information: https://www.efmc-asmc.org/
2 – 6	1 ST INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON NONCOVALENT INTERACTIONS (ICNI) Lisbon, Portugal Information: http://icni2019.eventos.chemistry.pt/
8 – 13	INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON IONIC POLYMERIZATION – IP '19 Beijing, China Information: https://iupac.org/event/international-symposium-on-ionic-polymerization-ip-19/
15 – 19	11 TH EUROPEAN CONGRESS OF CHEMICAL ENGINEERING – ECCE11 & 4 TH EUROPEAN CONGRESS OF APPLIED BIOTECHNOLOGY – ECAB5 Florence, Italy Information: http://efce.info/ECCE12_ECAB5-p-112545.html
25 – 27	SLOVENIAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING 2019 Maribor, Slovenia Information: http://chem-soc.si/slovenski-kemijski-dnevi-2019

2020**July 2020**

5 – 9	48 TH WORLD POLYMER CONGRESS – MACRO2020 Jeju Island, Korea Information: http://www.macro2020.org/
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August 2020

16 – 21	12 TH TRIENNIAL CONGRESS OF THE WORLD ASSOCIATION OF THEORETICAL AND COMPUTATIONAL CHEMISTS Vancouver, Canada Information: http://watoc2020.ca/
30 – Sept. 3	ECC8 – 8 TH EuChemS CHEMISTRY CONGRESS Lisbon, Portugal Information: http://www.euchems.eu/events/ecc8-8th-euchems-chemistry-congress/

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 - **ZIP file containing graphics** (figures, illustrations, images, photographs)
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3. J. Levec, Arrangement and process for oxidizing an aqueous medium, US Patent Number 5,928,521, date of patent July 27, **1999**.
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5. J. Szegezdi, F. Csizmadia, Prediction of dissociation constant using microconstants, http://www.chemaxon.com/conf/Prediction_of_dissociation_constant_using_microconstants.pdf, (assessed: March 31, 2008)

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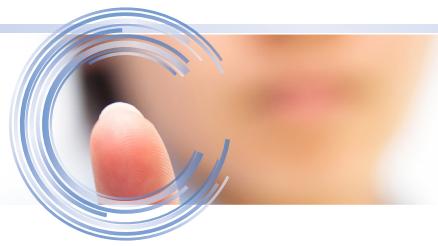
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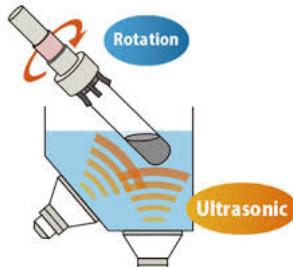
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