OVERVIEW

International Scientific and Professional Conference 13th Ružička days
“TODAY SCIENCE - TOMORROW INDUSTRY”
Vukovar, 16th and 17th September 2010

The International Scientific and Professional Conference 13th Ružička days was organized by the Croatian Society of Chemical Engineers, Faculty of Food Technology University of Josip Juraj Strossmayer in Osijek and by the European Federation of Food Science and Technology (EFFoST). The Conference was dedicated to Leopold (Lavoslav) Ružička, the Croatian Nobel Laureate in Chemistry, and was traditionally held in Vukovar, Croatia, on the 16th and 17th September 2010 (the first Ružička Days Conference was held in 1978). The 13th Ružička Days Conference was held under the slogan “TODAY SCIENCE - TOMORROW INDUSTRY”. The goal of the Conference was to present scientific and professional achievements in chemistry, chemical and biochemical engineering, food technology, biotechnology, medical biochemistry, pharmacy, agriculture and forestry, environmental protection and related disciplines, with an emphasis on the application of science and new technologies in the industry.

The Conference was organized under the auspice of the Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts - Department of Mathematical, Physical and Chemical Sciences and it was supported by the Ministry of Science, Education and Sports of the Republic of Croatia, the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Rural Development of the Republic of Croatia, the Ministry of Economy, Labour and Entrepreneurship of the Republic of Croatia, the Ministry of Regional Development, Forestry and Water Management of the Republic of Croatia, the Committee on the Economy of Croatian Parliament, the Croatian Academy of Engineering, the University of Josip Juraj Strossmayer in Osijek, the Vukovar-Srijem County and by the City of Vukovar.
The Conference was attended by participants from Croatia and abroad who had plenary lectures, oral presentations and posters presentations under the following topics:

1. Chemical analysis and synthesis
2. Chemical and biochemical engineering
3. Food technology and biotechnology
4. Medical biochemistry and pharmacy
5. Chemistry in agriculture and forestry
6. Environmental protection

There were 395 participants from 16 countries (Croatia, Czech Republic, Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Macedonia, Slovenia, Norway, Turkey, Kosovo, Sweden, Germany, Italy, Hungary, Spain, Portugal, Austria). Six plenary lectures were held, 15 oral presentations and 102 poster presentations, all together 123 scientific and professional presentations. In addition to that, there were several exhibitions of companies.

The Conference was accompanied by a number of other activities:

- Meeting of young chemists, held on the 15th September 2010 in the Ružička house (Oral presentations of the best evaluated presentations from the Meeting of young chemists were presented also at the Conference on the 17th September 2010),

- The exhibition “Ružička and Vukovar”, under the organization of the City Museum Vukovar and the State archive Vukovar, was held on the 15th September 2010 in the lobby of the Public Institution for Culture “Croatian house Vukovar”,

- Visit to the Memorial Cross on the Danube river led by members of the Scientific and Organizing Committee where wreaths were laid and candles lighted in memory of the war victims in Vukovar.

The Conference was announced on TV, radio and in many newspapers. During the closing ceremony of the Conference many participants emphasized high scientific level and very good organization.

Chairman of the Scientific and Organizing Committee
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