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First Announcement

8th International Sector Field
ICP-MS Conference



Ghent, Belgium

September 14 - 16, 2009

A meeting devoted
to the determination,
speciation and
isotopic analysis
of (trace) elements using
single- and multi-collector
magnetic sector - based
ICP – mass spectrometry

Scope of the conference

The aim of this series of conferences is bringing together scientists from various fields using magnetic sector - based ICP-MS, to discuss fundamentals and applications and to learn from each other's experience. A relaxed atmosphere will be created to stimulate the transfer of knowledge and the exchange of ideas between the participants.

Scientific programme

The programme will consist of plenary lectures with a tutorial character, contributed research lectures and poster presentations. The main topics to be dealt with during this conference will be:

- Single-collector and multi-collector sector field instrumentation
- Ultra-trace element determination
- Elemental speciation using LC, GC or CE coupled to SF-ICP-MS
- Spatially resolved and bulk analysis using LA coupled to SF-ICP-MS
- Provenance determination studies based on trace element fingerprinting and isotope ratio determination
- Geochemical and cosmochemical isotope ratio work relying on multi-collector ICP-MS

The conference will be followed by a free 2-days software training session organised by one of the major vendors.

Abstracts

All those intending to attend the conference are encouraged to submit an abstract for either an oral or poster contribution. Deadline for abstract submission is June 1st, 2009. Details of the format of the abstracts can be found on: <http://www.sficpms8.ugent.be>. The Book of Abstracts will be available to all conference participants.

Exhibition

Limited space, immediately adjacent to the lecture room and poster area, will be available for the exhibition of equipment, leaflets and books. Interested companies should contact the Conference Secretariat.

Conference language

The official language of the conference will be English.

Accommodation

Rooms will be available at a reduced rate at the Ibis hotels (to be booked via <http://www.sficpms8.ugent.be/>). For other types of accommodation, please consult <http://www.visitgent.be/>.

Social events

The Monday evening reception and the Tuesday evening conference dinner are included in the registration fee. During poster presentations, the participants are invited to sample Belgian specialties (e.g., chocolates and beers). Moreover, Ghent has a very lively historic city centre with numerous restaurants and bars. For a preview of the city and its architectural treasures and a taste of the atmosphere, please visit <http://www.visitgent.be/>, and/or, http://www4.gent.be/gent/vrijetij/toerisme/publicaties/Toeristische_Brochure_EN.pdf

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