

## ▶ HPLC 2003

Nice, France, is the location for HPLC 2003, the premier conference on separation science. The series began in 1973 and alternates between North America and Europe. Attendees are offered the opportunity to meet top scientists in the field, have stimulating discussions, and see the latest developments in instrumentation. The meeting will be held at the Nice Acropolis from June 15 through June 19. HPLC 2003 will address developments in various emerging fields such as nanofluidics, miniaturization, DNA sequencing, proteomics, and hyphenation with mass spectrometry or NMR spectroscopy for metabonomics.

### Registration

You can register for the meeting online or by mail. Go to the HPLC 2003 website ([www.hplc2003.com](http://www.hplc2003.com)) to obtain the registration form. Fees are as follows: Industry, 830 euros; Academic, 630 euros; Student, 430 euros. The registration fee includes attendance at all technical sessions, lunches, coffee breaks, and cocktail functions; exhibit hall admission; a book of abstracts; and the *Journal of Chromatography*.

### Technical sessions

The official conference begins on June 16 with an opening plenary lecture titled "Molecular Transport through Nanoscale

Channels". The remaining oral presentations are divided into the following groups: monolith, new detection techniques, stationary phases, polymers/supercritical fluid chromatography, proteomics, hyphenation, chiral separations, selectivity, from theory to purity, miniaturization, sample preparation, capillary electrophoresis, drug discovery, and phase characterization. The oral sessions will



be held from June 16 through June 19. The closing plenary session will feature two lectures, "Recognizing Single Amino Acid Polymorphism in Proteins" and "Status Report on the New Updated ICH Impurity Guidelines", followed by the Poster Award ceremony and a farewell cocktail party.

### Poster sessions

Posters will be presented throughout the conference near the lecture rooms. Lunch breaks will be held in the same location to

facilitate discussions between the sessions. At the end of the conference, there will be a Poster Award ceremony.

### Exhibits

The exhibit hall will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday, June 16, through Wednesday, June 18. More than 100 companies will exhibit the latest developments in chromatography instrumentation.

### Short courses

Short courses will be held on Sunday, June 15. Fees are 300 euros for a full-day course and 150 euros for a half-day course. Three courses are scheduled: High-Efficiency Enantiomeric Separations, Troubleshooting HPLC Separations, and Instrument Qualification and Method Validation in Capillary Electrophoresis in the Context of the Pharmaceutical Industry.

### Vendor seminars

Vendor seminars will be held on the evenings of June 16 and June 17 from 6 to 7 p.m. All conferees may attend these seminars presented by manufacturers of chromatography products. V.W.R. International and Dionex are the presenters on June 16, and Agilent Technologies and LC Packings on June 17.

For more information on any aspect of the conference, visit the HPLC 2003 website at [www.hplc2003.com](http://www.hplc2003.com).

### Biotech in the nation's capital

The Biotechnology Industry Organization (BIO) will hold its annual convention June 22–25 in Washington, DC. This event has grown tenfold since BIO's inception in 1993 and 47% in just the past two years. More than 15,000 of your colleagues and over 500 journalists attended BIO 2002 in Toronto. This year, for the 10th anniversary convention, BIO expects between 15,000 and 20,000 biotechnology executives, politicians, scientists, and reporters to attend.

The convention has grown larger and become global in scope. At BIO 2002, 52 countries were represented, and for the first time ever, U.S. registrants were a minority.

Twenty-six tracks of programming are planned for BIO 2003,

including sessions on bioethics, business development, science, and regulatory affairs. There also will be a two-day HealthFest on the National Mall; forums on bioethics, global biotechnology, patient advocacy, and the FDA; a two-day NIH Director's Lecture Series; 345,000 square feet of exhibit space; a series of receptions at Washington landmarks; and a BIO TV studio and media center, complete with two press conference rooms. The convention also houses a full-scale business forum, which in Toronto arranged more than 2500 partnering meetings and accommodated 236 company presentations.

For more information, visit the BIO 2003 website at [www.bio.org/events/2003](http://www.bio.org/events/2003).