

## Annual Report 2017 and Outlook 2018

### SCS Division of Analytical Sciences

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#### Activities, Symposia, Conferences, Projects 2017 (max 8 lines per issue, incl. web links if available)

- Professor Takehiko Kitamori is winner of the 2017 Simon-Widmer Award for his long time scientific achievement in the fields of microchemistry systems and microfluidics. The award will be handed over at the 32<sup>nd</sup> International Symposium on Chromatography, September 22-27, 2018 in Cannes, France.
- Veronika Meyer, member of the DAS Board, has received the IUPAC 2017 Distinguished Women in Chemistry or Chemical Engineering Award.
- The DAS has supported conference visits for 8 early stage researchers.
- The DAS has successfully proposed Renato Zenobi as member of the International Award Committee for the European Gold Medal of the EuCheMS.
- The DAS courses have been very successful, in part due to in-company training at BASF. Both secretaries of the course office Verena Schmid and Lilo Weishaupt have handed in their resignation for 2018. A successor has been found and the contract awaits signing.
- The APPLICA meeting was held September 7 in Basel. Roland Looser was member of the Organizing Committee. The meeting focused on the analysis of biopolymers and small molecules, focusing on alternative HPLC Phases. Eight invited lecturers gave interesting presentations, ranging from selection of separation phases, mixed-mode approaches, to practical applications such as dried blood spot analysis, targeted metabolomics and proteomic profiling, food and environmental analysis to quality control in therapeutics. The lectures and exhibition with 11 vendors were well attended, with 78 participants.
- The DAS supported BioTech 2017, a conference on Sensor Technology and Online Analytics, held at the Zurich University of Applied Sciences (ZHAW) in Wädenswil, September 7/8. Marc Suter was part of the Organizing Committee.
- Walter Giger, the Swiss delegate to the EuCheMS Division of Chemistry and the Environment was a member of the Scientific Committee of the International Conference on Chemistry and the Environment (ICCE 2017) that was held June 18–22 in Oslo.
- The SCS fall meeting was quite weak on analytical presentations. How to improve the situation will be a topic at the upcoming DAS retreat.
- Walter Giger, Fritz Erni and Ernst Halder have written a retrospective of the DAS in view of its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2017, which will be published in the December issue of CHIMIA.
- Gérard Hopfgartner, former president of the DAS is now editor of Analytical and Bioanalytical Chemistry. Marc Suter has become member of the International Advisory Board.

#### Changes in the Board

- Marc Suter has become president of the DAS
- Gérard Hopfgartner has resigned from the DAS-Board in November 2017
- Eric Bakker has joined the DAS-Board in November 2017

## **Outlook 2018**

- The Federal Institute of Metrology METAS has launched an award on Chemical Metrology (5'000.-), which will be handed out for the first time in 2018.
- Eric Bakker, Franka Kalman and Marc Suter have prepared a letter of intent for hosting the Euroanalysis 2023 in Geneva. The letter will be submitted to the EuCheMS Division of Analytical Chemistry in April 2018. The Centre International de Conférences (CICG) in Geneva has been provisionally reserved for September 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> 2023. Symporg has agreed to act as professional conference organizer.
- The 4<sup>th</sup> *CH*analysis will be held in Beatenberg on April 12-13, 2018. Invited lecturers are Enrico Martionioia (UniZH), Eric Bakker (UniGE), Bodo Hattendorf (ETHZ) and Renato Zenobi (ETHZ).
- The DAS Board will meet for a retreat in April 2018 prior to the *CH*analysis.
- The DAS intends to apply for a SCS lectureship. The proposed lecturer will be Thomas Ternes from the Federal Institute of Hydrology in Koblenz, Germany.
- Thomas Bucheli (Agroscope) will become the new Swiss delegate to the EuCheMS Division of Chemistry and the Environment.