

## Welcome to the 11<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Flow Analysis in Mallorca

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Flow Analysis was started in 1979, and is held approximately every 3 years, with the host country and organizers selected by the Scientific Committee at the previous conference.

Flow Analysis Conferences have been held in (I) Amsterdam, the Netherlands 1979; (II) Lund, Sweden, 1982; (III) Birmingham, UK, 1985; (IV) in Las Vegas, NV, USA; (V) Kumamoto, Japan, 1991; (VI) in Toledo, Spain, 1994; (VII) Piracicaba, Brazil, 1997; (VIII) Warsaw, Poland, 2000; (IX) Geelong, Australia, 2003; and (X) Porto, Portugal, 2006. Next Flow Analysis Conference will take place in Mallorca, Spain, 2009.

Flow analysis comprises numerous techniques that encompass much of what we do as analytical chemists. It includes operations and techniques such as segmented, continuous, stopped, sequential, multi-commutated, multi-syringe, multi-pumping flow, chromatography, and electrophoresis. Flow methods are used for handling and treating solutions, and for separations, and are applicable for all sorts of wet chemical operations and measurements. They provide rapid, precise, and automated measurements, using small samples, with low reagent consumption and waste production.

Flow analysis, in many forms, will continue to evolve as important aspects of analytical science and will certainly remain an important venue for fostering interactions and novel developments in this area, reporting of the latest research worldwide, including theory of flow analysis, instrumentation development (which includes new detectors and hybrid systems), and applications in industrial, environmental, and clinical analysis.

We expect that the eleventh edition of the international Conference on Flow Analysis will be an exciting forum of discussion of advances in flow analysis and a way to get together, increase collaboration and encourage young researchers in this field.

Therefore, we are delighted to welcome you all in Pollensa (Mallorca, Spain), from the 14-18 September 2009, and hope you will enjoy both the social and scientific events.

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