



## Welcome to ICFIA 18, Porto

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It is our pleasure to announce that the 18<sup>th</sup> edition of the “International Conference on Flow Injection Analysis” will take place in Porto, Portugal, from 15 to 20 September, 2013.

We expect that this conference will continue to be a privileged forum to discuss novel ideas and instrumental advances in flow analysis, flow chemistry and biochemistry, and related subjects and techniques. This conference series has also established itself as a way to strengthen friendship among researchers in this area and also project future work, in a relaxed and informal atmosphere.

Hopefully, we also expect that young students and researchers involved in related fields will be interested to join us in Porto, so that the field of automation, miniaturisation, innovative ways in sample and reagents handling, will continue to be powerful tools not only to improve analytical methods, but also to study new chemistries. Flow analysis is a particularly attractive field of research as it involves both scientific knowledge and a great deal of human ingenuity.

You are very welcome to come to Porto, a city known for its hospitality, world heritage historical centre, fortified wine, some of the attributes that granted Porto the distinction of “Best European Destination 2012”.

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