

EDITORIAL PREFACE TO SPECIAL ISSUE DEDICATED TO THE 14TH INTERNATIONAL INTERDISCIPLINARY MEETING ON BIOANALYSIS

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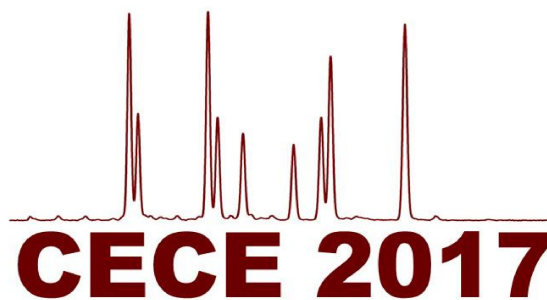
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The CECE-2017, 14th International Interdisciplinary Meeting on Bioanalysis was held in Veszprém, Hungary on 8-11 October, 2017. The symposium was organized by the MTA-PE Translational Glycomics Research Group, MUKKI, University of Pannonia. The funding idea of this conference series was “bring together scientists from different disciplines who may not meet at other meetings”. Following this initiative, 17 world-class invited speakers delivered stimulating lectures not only about cutting-edge bioanalysis but also about other hot topics, such as aerosol chemistry, etc. The informal atmosphere of the meeting supported direct networking between well-established senior researchers and young scientists at the beginning of their carrier. The first two days of invited lectures was extended with CECE Junior, a dedicated day for PhD students and postdocs, providing them an opportunity to present their results and catch the attention of colleagues both from academia and industry. More than 120 registered participants attended the event during the three days.

The scientific program was preceded by a unique Hungarian social event, a sausage making exercise on Sunday. This national tradition was an exceptional get-together party, where invited speakers, participants, students, sponsors and organizers made spicy and tasty sausage under strict quality control by the father of CECE series, Frantisek Foret.

As an accompanying section, the Horváth Csaba Memorial Exhibition was reopened on the occasion of opening an exhibition for another great Hungarian chromatographer Professor Ervin sz. Kováts. The joint display was dubbed as Hungarian “Chromatography” Mafia Exhibition and these two good friends are together as examples for the next generations.



Overall, the program was of very high scientific level. In this symposium issue, selected contributions are published after normal peer-review process covering very diverse topics of the bioanalytical field.

At this point, the chair András Guttman and co-chair Herbert Lindner would like to thank the hard work of colleagues and students namely Brigitta Mészáros, Beáta Borza, László Hajba, Márton Szigeti, Balázs Reider and Gábor Járvas from the Hungarian side and Bettina Sarg and Klaus Faserl from the Austrian side.

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In 2018 the series will return to its home town Brno on 15-17 October, 2018, see you there!

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