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Editorial

Season's Greetings to all EUCHIS Members!

This Newsletter was prepared under unusual circumstances – just like all of us working and living with the restrictions Corona is enforcing on us.

We would like very much to announce news about the 14th EUCHIS conference, originally planned to take place in September 2020 in Kazan, Russia. But we had to accept that the conference needed to be postponed, initially hoping for an event in 2021. And now, we realize that fixing a date is still impossible, and we do not even dare to hope for 2021 anymore. Of course, we all hope that vaccination can be implemented for a major part of the global population fast, but it is uncertain when unrestricted travel will be possible again. As a consequence, the global schedule for chitin/chitosan conferences will need to be revised completely (see p. 3). A message from MDPI – IJMS is also reprinted on p. 3.

In spite of this unfortunate situation, we gladly communicate some of the results of our home office activities in the Newsletter. Four additional Volumes of *Advances in Chitin Science* were uploaded and are available open access as ZIP files on our web site. It may also be of interest to read a brief account of all EUCHIS conferences held up to date (p. 4). A collection of papers presented at 14th ICCC/12th APCCS in Osaka, Japan, August 2018, is published in *Int. J. Biol. Macromol*. (for citation of the papers, see p. 5). The Special Issue dedicated to the memory of Professors George A. F. Roberts and Kjell M. Vårum (see Newsletter # 44) was finalized and appeared in 2020 in *React. Funct. Polym*., for citations of the articles, see p. 9). Last not least, a three volume *Handbook of Chitin and Chitosan*, focusing on production and applications of chitosan in materials science and biomedicine, was published by Elsevier, for citation of the Tables of Contents, see p. 11.

With our best wishes for a Happy, Healthy, Prosperous New Year 2021

and with our long-term hopes for a personal meeting at the latest in 2022 in Kazan

Bruno M. Moerschbacher, President
Martin G. Peter, Secretary

Conferences

The next chitin/chitosan conferences were planned originally according to the following schedule:

- 13th APCCS, June 2020, Korea;

- 14th EUCHIS, September 2020, Russia;

- 15th ICCC / 9th SIAQ, 2021, Mexico.

The possibility to organize EUCHIS 2020 as a virtual conference was discussed briefly in a virtual meeting of the organizer of EUCHIS 2020, the President plus Vice-Presidents, and the Secretary. Considering that the essentials of a conference are personal meetings with live communication and exchange of ideas, we opted against this possibility.

If we assume that none of the above-mentioned meetings will be realized in 2021, then 2022 would become a chitin meeting-overcrowded year indeed. We will be in contact with the organizers of these meetings and try to find a reasonable solution in this situation. Hopefully, you will find news about this in the next EUCHIS newsletter.

In any case, the next EUCHIS conference will be sponsored also by MDPI – IJMS. Of course, all travel grants approved already remain valid. EUCHIS has some additional resources available for supporting students, the call for applications remains open (see Newsletter No. 45). Qualified MSc and PhD students as well as Postdocs (up to two years post-PhD) may apply for travel grants. Nominations for the Braconnot Prize may be submitted any time until further notice.

A Message from MDPI - IJMS

Thanks for your attention on the European Chitin Society (EUCHIS) affiliated journal "*International Journal of Molecular Sciences*" (IJMS; ISSN 1422-0067; http://www.mdpi.com/journal/ijms).

We are pleased to report that IJMS received its new Impact Factor in the most recent version of the Journal Citation Report® (Clarivate Analytics). Based on citation activity in the Web of Science last year, the 2019 Impact Factor for IJMS is 4.556. IJMS now ranks 74/297 titles (Q1) in the category of "Biochemistry & Molecular Biology" and 48/177 (Q2) in the category of "Chemistry, Multidisciplinary".

As the society collaborated journal, we sincerely invite you to contribute one paper in this year and enjoy the benefit of 15% on the article processing charges to publish in IJMS. All submissions are peer-reviewed, and accepted papers will be published immediately.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Xiaoshan Wan from the IJMS Editorial Office (xiaoshan.wan@mdpi.com).

Advances in Chitin Science

Four Volumes were added online since May 2020 (see Newsletter # 46) and are available under the terms of Creative Commons at https://euchis.org/#chitin-science. This brings the total number of publicly available Advances in Chitin Science to 11 out of 14 Volumes. Unfortunately, we could still not obtain permission from copyright owners to upload Volumes 5 (5th APCCS), 7 (9th ICCC), and 11 (9th EUCHIS, Venice, Italy, 2009). Proceedings of the 4th EUCHIS (Senigallia, Italy) conference were published as a Volume entitled "Chitosan in Chemistry and Pharmacy". Advances in Chitin Science, Vol's. 1 – 7 and 12 – 14 are indexed in ScienceFinder®.

Available volumes (newly added volumes marked with grey shadow)

- Vol. 1 — 1st EUCHIS, Brest, France, 1995
- Vol. 2 — 7th ICCC and 2nd EUCHIS, Lyon, France, 1997
- Vol. 3 — 3rd APCCS, Keelung, Taiwan, 1998
- Vol. 4 — 3rd EUCHIS, Potsdam, Germany, 1999
- Vol. 8 — 6th EUCHIS, Poznan, Poland, 2004
- Vol. 9 — 7th EUCHS and 10th ICCC, Montpellier, France, 2006
- Vol. 6 — 5th EUCHIS, Trondheim, Norway, 2002
- Vol. 10 — 8th EUCHIS, Antalya, Turkey, 2007
- Vol. 12 — 5th SIAQ, Santiago, Chile, 2010
- Vol. 13 — 10th EUCHIS, St. Petersburg, Russia, 2011
- Vol. 14 — 6th SIAQ and 12th ICCC, Fortaleza, Brasil, 2012

Concerning EUCHIS Conferences, most of the Proceedings are available available as Advances in Chitin Science or as publications in Journals:

No.	Location, Year	Proceedings	Availability
1st	Brest, France, 1995	Advances in Chitin Science, Vol. 1	EUCHIS, online
2nd	Lyon, France, 1997	Advances in Chitin Science, Vol. 2	EUCHIS, online
3rd	Potsdam, Germany, 1999	Advances in Chitin Science, Vol. 4	EUCHIS, online
4th	Senigallia, Italy, 2001	Book: Chitosan in Chemistry and Pharmacy	Not available
5th	Trondheim, Norway, 2002	Advances in Chitin Science, Vol. 6	EUCHIS, online
6th	Poznan, Poland, 2004	Advances in Chitin Science, Vol. 8	EUCHIS, online
7th	Montpellier, France, 2006	Advances in Chitin Science, Vol. 9	EUCHIS, online
8th	Antalya, Turkey, 2007	Advances in Chitin Science, Vol.10	EUCHIS, online
9th	San Servolo, Venice, Italy, 2009	Advances in Chitin Science, Vol.11	Permission pending
10th	St. Petersburg, Russia, 2011	Advances in Chitin Science, Vol.13	EUCHIS, online
11th	Porto, Portugal, 2013	Not published	Not available

12th	Münster, Germany, 2015	7 Papers published in *Pure Appl. Chem*., Vol. 8, Issue 9 (2016), Special Issue "12th International Conference of the European Chitin Society and 13th International Conference on Chitin and Chitosan (EUCHIS/ICCC 2015)"	https://www.degruyter.com/view/journals/pac/88/9/article-p841.xml
13th	Seville, Spain, 2017	5 papers published in *Molecules*, **2017,** Vol., 22, Issues 10, 11, and 12: Special Issue "Selected Papers from the 13th International Conference of the European Chitin Society – 8th Simposio de la Sociedad Iberoamericana de Quitina (EUCHIS-SIAQ 2017)"	https://www.mdpi.com/journal/molecules/special_issues/EUCHIS_SIAQ_2017#info
14th	Kazan, Russia, 2020	postponed	

Special Issue: *International Journal of Biological Macromolecules*

Papers from the 12th APCCS-14th ICCC-2018, Kansai University, Suitama, Osaka, Japan, August 27 – 30, 2018

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