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CONFERENCE REPORT

The 10th Carbohydrate Bioengineering Meeting, held in Prague, Czech Republic on April 21st-24th, 2013, attracted researchers from different countries, to learn from one another and to discuss the future development of glycoscience. I had the great pleasure being there as one of the participants of the conference.

On the Opening Ceremony Professor Vladimir Kren, Chairman of the Organizing Committee, welcomed participants to the beautiful city of Prague. After the opening ceremony Jon S. Thorson from USA gave a nice speech and show a huge range of compounds derivatives of carbohydrates with great potential applications. The participants had opportunity to converse and to meet each other. First possibilities to talk and meet new researchers from the same field of science was get together party starting from organ concert at Brevnov Benedictine Monastery, the oldest Church at Prague.

The conference discussed topics such as biosynthesis and metabolism of carbohydrates as the main compounds of biologically active substances. People also show the relationship between substances derivatives of sugars and biological systems as peptides. Poster sessions was the great opportunity to met people with the same or similar scientific interest. In addition to the poster sessions, young scientists had the opportunity to present their results during the flash presentation. I have to write that these short communications were very interesting especially seeing the true passion in their research.

The conference discussed topics were synthesis, structure and function of carbohydrates and glycoconjugates, systems glycobiology and bioinformatics, mechanisms, carbohydrates in health and medicine and structure-function relationships of carbohydrates modifying enzymes and new materials from carbohydrates as renewable resources. The conference was structured around carbohydrates as multifunction compounds posses many different function and applications.

I think the main goal of the conference was achieved: exchange of scientific experience and ideas by researches. I think it was also an invaluable support for students and young scientists to make their first steps towards future careers under the appreciable patronage of invited guests and great scientists. Feedback from the conference was highly positive – participants greatly enjoyed the opportunity to meet

and network with like-minded people from many different countries, to learn from one another, and the chance to explore and exchange ideas.

I think that Prague was a very right place for this conference to happen. An unique atmosphere of this scientific event resulted in me getting into professional as well as friendly relations with other young researches from all over the world!

Some photos:



Opening Ceremony with Chairman Professor Vladimir Kren



Organ concert at Brevnov Benedictine Monastery



Get together party



Poster session



Flash presentation



Praque from above



The last dinner – time to say goodbye 😊