

**Short report on the national conference “Analysdagarna”, June 10-13, 2003,
held at Chalmers, Göteborg, Sweden**

This FECS sponsored event, the 17th Analysdagarna (The Analytical Days), was held at Chalmers and Göteborg University and about 390 participants came to listen to lectures, to study posters and to look at displayed instruments at an exhibition. The number of paying participants was 323, all others were either invited or had been granted a free registration by our Chemical Society (grants for young chemists).

About 44 exhibitors were there, i.e., in real terms another 150 further attendees, thus, in all, about 550 analytical chemists. This number is a little bit less than what we experienced during our previous event in 2001 (about 600) but it is still not so bad for a country of 9 million people.

The scientific program started on Tuesday June 10 by awarding Prof. Csaba Horvath the Torbern Bergman Medal. Prof. Horvath then gave his Medal lecture entitled “The anatomy of an analytical separation method: capillary electrochromatography”. This lecture was followed by further plenary lectures given by professors Andreas Manz, Owe Orwar and Jonas Bergqvist. Finally, the instrument exhibition was opened in combination with the “beer evening”, a social get-together. Several further internationally known analytical chemists had been invited to give plenary lectures in five parallel sessions. 91 lectures were given totally and 68 posters were displayed. The following analytical themes were covered in special sessions: marine analytical chemistry (a David Dyrssen symposium), frontier in plasma spectroscopy, mass spectrometry, monolithic columns in liquid chromatography and capillary electrochromatography, nano-/microanalytical techniques, near infrared imaging of biomass products, polymer analysis, proteomics, quality assurance and measurement uncertainty, and sample extraction techniques. A special session was entitled “Young Nordic separation scientists”. Two young representatives had been invited from each of the countries Denmark, Norway, Finland and Sweden. Remaining themes were found in three general sessions and in four technical sessions. An appreciated conference dinner was held on Wednesday June 12 at Liseberg, Scandinavia’s biggest amusement park.

No decision has been taken yet about the 18th Analysdagarna.

The following scientists have received the Torbern Bergman Medal at previous Analysdagarna events:

Gerold Schwarzenbach (1967), Anders Ringbom (1969), Charles N. Reilly (1971), Evan C. Horning (1973), Alan Walsh (1976), Kai Siegbahn (1979), Joseph J. Kirkland (1982), Jaromir Ruzicka (1985), James D. Winefordner (1987), John Knox (1990), Bruce Kowalski and Svante Wold (1993), Stellan Hjertén and Jim Jorgensen (1996), William R. Heineman (1999), Fred W McLafferty (2001).

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