

EDITORIAL

This issue of the *Journal of the Serbian Chemical Society* contains selected articles from The Belgrade International Food Conference held in Belgrade, Serbia on 26–28 October, 2012. The conference was organized by the Center for Food Science and Molecular Biotechnology of the Faculty of Chemistry, University of Belgrade within an EU-funded project FCUB ERA “Reinforcement of the Faculty of Chemistry, University of Belgrade, towards becoming a center of excellence in food science and molecular biotechnology in the region of the western Balkan”.

The main theme of the conference was: food, health and well being. The Conference was organized in eleven sessions and two poster sessions: Enzymes in food processing, Wastes and biomass valorization, Supplements, micronutrients and food additives, Food antioxidants, Nutrition science and bioactive compounds, New approaches to food analysis, Food allergens, Nutrition and immunology, Molecular biotechnology for the benefit of consumers, New functional foods, and Health effects of food.

The main goal of The Belgrade International Food Conference was to offer an inter-disciplinary arena of discussion and opinion-sharing for scientists dealing with different aspects of Food Science, to present a broad scope of multidisciplinary approaches to the field and to create a novel scientific network with a special focus on the promotion of young scientists. The scientific program included 20 lectures, 16 oral presentations and 57 poster presentations. In total, 120 participants from 17 countries attended the workshop representing 37 different institutions. The highest number of foreign participants came from Romania, Germany, Greece, France and Tunisia.

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