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## COST Action Chemistry Conference on Supramolecular Chemistry in Water

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### 1 Introduction

Scientists and chemists from 18 countries gathered in Malta for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Scientific Meeting on Supramolecular Chemistry in Water between the 9 – 11<sup>th</sup> of November 2013 at the Old University Building on St Paul Street in Valletta. The conference commenced Saturday morning with a presentation by Prof. Kay Severin of the École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne, Switzerland on the principles of constructing chemosensors for detecting small chemical species such as lithium ions and caffeine. The Sunday morning plenary lecture was given by Prof. David K. Smith of the University of York, UK on nano-sized self-assembled arrays for binding DNA and heparin, a common blood thinner. The final plenary lecture on Monday morning was presented by Felix Müller of Evonik Industries on the practical applications and commercial successes of using detergents for removing bad odours in laundry and in the air. During the conference over 25 oral communications and 28 posters were presented including five research projects from University of Malta students. The local organizing committee consisted of the host academic Dr. David Magri, a senior lecturer in the Department of Chemistry, and the staff of the Conference Support Unit at the University of Malta under the coordination of Lucienne Bugeja. The scientific program was organised by a consortium of researchers within COST Action CM1005. There were over 90 participants in attendance.



Figure 1: Researchers during a coffee break in the hallway of the Old University Building on St. Paul Street in Valletta at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Scientific Meeting on Supramolecular Chemistry in Water between the 9 – 11<sup>th</sup> of November 2013.

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