

## **Activities of the DAC Study Group, History, for 2011-2012**

The main activities of this study group continue to be the Historical Lecture in EUROANALYSIS and the production of the series of publications, "People and Places Important in the History of Specific Countries", and related items from additional researches, particularly on countries that are, will or have been the hosts of a EUROANALYSIS Conference. An up to date list of these and related publications are available on the DAC web-site

In the review period members of the group have remained in active e-mail contact, some will meet in Prague, the outputs, current and proposed projects are listed below:

(a) Work continues on the major task of producing an account for Germany, host of two EUROANALYSIS conferences, "Some People and Places Important in the History of Analytical Chemistry in Germany" [Burns, Mueller, Salzer and Werner]. The first draft of the text for period from Albertus Magnus in the thirteenth century to the mid twentieth century is completed. In view of the size of the text the authors will discuss in Prague the format to work towards, including the possibility of that of an e-book.

(b) The account of the history of analytical chemistry in Serbia has been published.

"Some people and places important in the history of analytical chemistry in Serbia.", D. Thorburn Burns and S. Bojović, *Anal. Bioanal.*, **403**, 903-908, (2012).

(c) A series of International Conferences in pharmacy, starting in 1865, which had a large analytical chemistry content lead to the formation of the International Pharmaceutical Federation in 1912. This outcome for pharmacy parallels that for pure and applied chemistry and the creation of I.U.P.A.C. in 1919, following series of International Congresses on Applied Chemistry, 1894-1912, as noted last year.

"Origins and Creation of the International Pharmaceutical Federation in 1912: the Centenary." D. Thorburn Burns and H. Deelstra, *Microchim. Acta*, **178**, 29-35, (2012).

(d) The interest that aroused in Richard Kirwan during Euroanalysis III, Dublin, 1978, has led to several requests for lectures and accounts of his activities, the most recent being that for the "Dublin City of Science 1912" exhibition and lecture series, held at the Royal Irish Academy.

"Richard Kirwan (1733-1812), Chemist, barrister and philosopher: An exemplar of good practice in his time, as for today." in S. Fitzpatrick (ed.), *Scientists and Science Collections at the Royal Irish Academy*, RIA, Dublin, (2012). [ISBN 978-1-908996-13-8]. Pp. 12-19.

(e) Some progress has been made on topics in history of the different approaches to food analysis in Europe, namely on the adulteration of butter and margarine, the position for Belgium is drafted and the literature review for the UK completed [Deelstra, Walker and Burns.

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