

History of Chemistry

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Planning and organising the 5th International Conference of History of Chemistry, on “Chemistry, Technology and Society“, to be held in Lisbon and Estoril from 6 to 10 September 2005, has been the major activity of 2004. The Scientific Programme Committee was intensely involved in the discussion on conference themes and on invited speakers, and the Local Committee needed a lot of support. The First Circular was distributed 1 November 2004, and a Second Circular 1 February 2005. 88 proposals for papers were received, written by authors from 21 countries, of which 52 were accepted (March 2005).

Together with the Division of Chemical Education, the WP has organised a session on “The teaching of chemistry: past, present and future“ at the First European Chemistry Conference, Budapest 2006. Two very distinguished speakers were invited, who both accepted the invitation.

At the end of August the First FECS/EuCheMS WP History of Chemistry Newsletter was distributed among the members of the Working Party, with the request to take care of further distribution inside their own chemical societies.

The small task force on “chemical heritage“ in Europe has not been active in 2004.