



# European Chemistry Congress Budapest, 27 - 31 August 2006

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## **Chemistry Congress is a first for Europe**

Six Nobel Laureates - Prof. Paul Crutzen, Prof. Sir Harry Kroto, Prof. George Olah, Prof. Sir John Walker, Prof. Kurt Wüthrich and Prof. Ahmed Zewail - have accepted invitations to speak at the first major European Chemistry Congress, to be held in Budapest on 27-31 August 2006.

The Congress, the first of its kind, is organised under the auspices of FECS (Federation of European Chemical Societies and Professional Institutions) and co-sponsored by RSC and GDCh. It aims to be a showcase for chemical sciences in Europe and will bring together chemical and molecular scientists from industry, academia and government institutions across Europe and from around the world.

The programme for this four-day event will include plenary, keynote, and invited lectures as well as contributed oral communications and poster sessions. Keynote lectures will highlight important areas of chemistry and invited lectures will be part of a coordinated series of symposia focusing on the latest developments in a wide variety of topics.

Poster sessions from all areas of chemical sciences will form an important and integral part of the Congress and will be given ample time and space. Young scientists, in particular graduate students and post-doctoral fellows, are very much encouraged to participate. The event will provide a unique opportunity to contribute to discussions on the most recent developments in chemical sciences.

Harry Kroto says: *“The prospect of a major conference supported by all the national chemical sciences organisations of Europe is exciting and long overdue. I am personally delighted about this initiative, as are many of my colleagues in the UK chemistry community, and we are very keen to ensure that the Congress catalyses the development of a vibrant and coherent European chemistry community, which can make an important contribution to the global society of the 21st century.”*

The venue for the Congress is Loránd Eötvös University, in the heart of Budapest.

Professor Gábor Náray-Szabó, Hungarian Chemical Society and FECS President, is the Chairman of the Organising Committee.

Nominees from FECS member societies have been appointed to the scientific committee (see next page) which will organise the scientific programme. It is chaired by Professor Jean-Marie Lehn with Professor Peter Kündig, University of Geneva, as co-chairman.

**Congress website: [www.fecs-budapest2006.hu](http://www.fecs-budapest2006.hu)**

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