

## **Euroanalysis VIII**

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## Foreword

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### **Euroanalysis VIII: Edinburgh, Scotland, September 5–11, 1993**

The eighth Euroanalysis Conference was held on September 5–11, 1993, in Edinburgh. It was organized by the Analytical Division of The Royal Society of Chemistry, the Chairman of the Organizing Committee being Professor Duncan Thorburn Burns. The Scientific Programme was organized by a sub-committee chaired by Professor David Littlejohn, who had as colleagues Mr. R. I. Aylott, Professor K. D. Bartle, Professor D. T. Burns, Dr. J. Marshall, Professor J. N. Miller, Professor M. R. Smyth and Dr. A. M. Ure.

The conference was attended by 749 people, of whom 649 were scientific participants. Following a pleasant opening ceremony, during which a number of awards, *etc.*, were presented and a number of strathspeys and reels were played, the scientific programme got under way. The programme was made up of 4 or 5 parallel sessions each day, all lectures (including invited lectures) being of 20 minutes' duration with 5 minutes for questions and discussion. In all 176 lectures were

given, 28 of which were 'invited'. Another feature of the programme was the provision of poster sessions, which were held on three afternoons in the impressive McEwan Hall of the University of Edinburgh, the same venue as was used for the opening ceremony. In all, 350 posters were presented.

Euroanalysis VIII was a truly international conference with scientific participants drawn from 46 countries other than the UK. A good number of these attended the closing ceremony which, like the lectures, was held in the University's Appleton Tower.

This special issue of *The Analyst* contains 28 papers and posters given at the conference; 25 of the invited papers will be the subject of a book to be published shortly by The Royal Society of Chemistry. The organizers of Euroanalysis VIII hope that you will find this collection of papers useful and instructive; we all look forward to Euroanalysis IX, which will be held in Bologna in 1996.

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