

Diary of conferences and courses

2002

AchemAmerica 2002

March 19–22

Mexico City, Mexico

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Seventh Rio Symposium on Atomic Spectrometry

April 7–12

Florianopolis, Brazil

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Emerging Young Professionals Meeting 2002

April 26–28

Bournemouth, UK

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Short Course on Synchrotron Radiation: Earth, Environmental and Materials Sciences Applications

May 25–26

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada

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3rd International Chemometrics Research Meeting

May 26–30

Veldhoven, The Netherlands

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50th ASMS Conference on Mass Spectrometry and Allied Topics

June 2–6

Orlando, FL, USA

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International Symposium on the Environment and Analytical Chemistry June 17–21

Plymouth, UK

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6th European Laser Ablation ICP-MS Workshop

June 24–25

Utrecht, The Netherlands

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11th BNASS

July 8–10

Loughborough, UK

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Analytical Research Forum

July 15–17

Kingston upon Thames, Surrey, UK

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4th Mediterranean Basin Conference on Analytical Chemistry

September 15–20

Portoroz, Slovenia

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8th International Conference on Plasma Source Mass Spectrometry

September 8–13

Durham, UK

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The Eighth Chemometrics in Analytical Chemistry Conference

September 22–26

Seattle, WA, USA

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29th Annual Conference of Federation of Analytical Chemistry and Spectroscopy Societies

October 13–17

Providence, RI, USA

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Analitika 2002

December 4–10

Stellenbosch, South Africa

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2003

Separation and Characterisation of Natural and Synthetic Macromolecules

February 5–7

Amsterdam, The Netherlands

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9th International Conference on Flow Analysis (Flow Analysis IX)**February 10–14***Geelong, Victoria, Australia*

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The 16th International Mass Spectrometry Society Conference (IMSC)**August 31–September 5***Edinburgh, UK*

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2nd International Conference on Metrology**November 4–6***Jerusalem, Israel*

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