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SHORT REPORT FROM CD2003 IN BUDAPEST

The 9th International Conference on Circular Dichroism has been held in Budapest on Aug 31 – Sept 4, 2003, we must all thank Miklos Hollosi and Sandor Antus for the professional and warm organization.

This is by sure the main event we have every two years about the technique, the right place where you can get a feeling on the future trends (but sometime fashions) of CD.

Looking at lecture and poster list, but also talking with well known *reference* people we can try to summarize as follows:

- VCD despite many posters and a few oral presentations attention on the technique was possibly lower than in Sendai, but probably since today technique is well accepted
- AC many, many papers and posters were related to absolute configuration determination using modern computational techniques. Will we need to run spectra anymore in the future? You may have the impression it'll soon become optional.
- ORD a return of interest toward ORD or polarimetric techniques is a fact, supported by the interest toward AC. Measure outside from Cotton effect may help in computation.
- NIR-CD a small, but growing number of data, with the attempt to explore the region with special extended VCD FT unit as alternative to the dispersive ones.
- solid sampling the interest is confirmed and people seem more aware of the difficulties behind.

The conference attendance was of 120 persons all over the world, however it's strongly felt that, apart the absolute number, many countries were not properly represented.

We feel that the Organizing Committee should seriously consider new ways to attract more people at the 10th CD conference to be held in Pensacola, Florida in 2005; probably it'd also pay to review the content of the Organizing Committee itself to include new/fresh faces.

The global risk is to loose many persons who are more incentivated to attend specific conferences in which CD is only one of the used techniques.

If you have good ideas pls contact the new event (CD2005) organizers:

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They seem both keen to bring the necessary improvements, in addition a location in US may attract more easily local people with fresh experiences.