



Preface

Dear reader,

This special issue of the “Bulgarian Chemical Communication” puts together the best studies, represented during the 3rd National Crystallographic Symposium (NCS’11), which took place on October 3–5, 2011 at the grounds of the “Earth and Man National Museum” in Sofia. For a second consecutive year, the organizers of this event gratefully take the chance to reach the audience, through the pages of this journal.

The National Crystallographic Symposium (NCS) is the annual meeting of the active and rapidly growing Bulgarian crystallographic community as well as the most important activity of the recently re-established Bulgarian Crystallographic Society (**BCS**). During the last years it won recognition as the leading scientific event, not only for the Bulgarian crystallographers, but also welcoming participants from different European countries. Along with the invited distinguished lecturers in

key fields of crystallography, the reputation of the event is based on the participation of Bulgarian scientists, working abroad and using the experience of approved crystallographic schools. A testimony for the growing interest to the National Crystallographic Symposium is the fact that the second and third symposiums were both attended by over 100 participants.

With up to 14 hours of continuous face-to-face communication each symposium day, attendees find out about the latest developments from research and industry, participate in workshops, improve their skills at hands-on demonstrations or join other sessions, which feed their minds in creative and fun ways.

The participants of the last NCS’11 now have the chance to refresh their memories about the ideas, represented at the symposium and get acquainted about all the details that couldn’t find place during the presentations; Those who didn’t have the chance to be there – to find a reason to attend the next meeting in the fall of 2012.

Wishing you thrilling reading,

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