

« Aromaticity, Celebrating Benzene 200 years » - Monday December 8, 2025

09:30 - 10:00	Registration and coffee		
10:00 - 10:20	Ben Feringa & Yves Geerts	Groningen & Brussels	<i>"Introduction and context"</i>
10:20 - 11:00	Gernot Frenking	Marburg	<i>"Aromaticity and Antiaromaticity in the Cyclic 6π and 4π Molecules of Carbon and Silicon E6H6 and E4H4 (E = C, Si)"</i>
11:00 - 11:40	Nazario Martin	Complutense	<i>"The legacy of Benzene: Bilayer Nanographenes in the Age of Precision Carbon Materials"</i>
11:40 - 12:20	Irena G. Stará	Czech Academy of Sciences	<i>"First Came Benzene, Then the Twist"</i>
12:20 - 13:00	Ken Tanaka	Tokyo	<i>Catalytic Enantioselective Synthesis of Chiral Nanocarbons"</i>
13:00 - 14:00	Sandwich lunch and informal discussions		
14:00 - 14:40	Renana Gershoni-Poranne	Technion	<i>"PAS de Deux: Aromaticity Meets Deep Learning in Polycyclic Aromatic Systems"</i>
14:40 - 15:20	Alexander Tkatchenko	Luxemburg	<i>"Aromaticity and Dispersion Interactions in Chemistry, Materials Science, and Biology"</i>
15:20 - 16:00	Marcel Mayor	Basel	<i>"Helical "Geländer"-Structures Propelling Molecular Motors"</i>
16:00 - 16:30	Coffee break		
16:30 - 17:45	Harry Handerson	Oxford	<i>"How big can they get? What is the size limit of aromaticity?"</i>
17:45 - 18:00	Break and installation of posters		
18:00 - 20:00	Poster session and buffet of Belgian gastronomic specialties		

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10:00 - 10:40	Chunyan Chi	Singapore	<i>"π-Structures with Different Topologies: Synthesis, Aromaticity, and Electronic Properties."</i>
10:40 - 11:20	Eiichi Nakamura	Tokyo	<i>"Seeing What Faraday Could Only Imagine"</i>
11:20 - 12:00	Henrik Ottosson	Uppsala	<i>"On the light-triggered Mr. Hyde character of benzene, H₃⁺ and other aromatic molecules"</i>
12:00 - 12:40	Israel Fernandez	Complutense	<i>"The interplay between aromaticity and reactivity"</i>
12:40 - 12:50	Group picture in Solvay Room		
12:50 - 14:00	Sandwich lunch and informal discussions		
14:00 - 14:40	Jeanne Crassoux	Rennes	<i>"Molecular engineering of helicenes"</i>
14:40 - 15:20	Shohei Saito	Osaka	<i>"Aromaticity for the Design of Dynamic Molecules and Materials"</i>
15:20 - 16:00	Dongho Kim	Yonsei	<i>"Hückel, Möbius, Baird and 3-Dimensional Aromaticity in Various Expanded Porphyrins"</i>
16:00 - 16:30	Coffee break		
16:30 - 17:10	David Sarlah	Rice	<i>"Dearomatization of Nonactivated Arenes with Arenophiles"</i>
17:10 - 17:50	Judy Wu	Houston	<i>"To be announced"</i>
18:00 - 18:30	Public transportation to downtown Brussels		
18:30 - 19:30	Free time downtown Brussels to drink a beer, to go sightseeing or to buy chocolates		
19:30 - 23:00	Banquet downtown Brussels		

« Aromaticity, Celebrating Benzene 200 years » - Wednesday December 10, 2025

10:00 - 10:40	Diego Peña	Santiago de Compostela	<i>"To be announced"</i>
10:40 - 11:20	Andreas Hirsch	Erlangen	<i>"Spherical Aromaticity"</i>
11:20 - 12:00	Dage Sundholm	Helsinki	<i>"Aromatic bonding of antiaromatic molecules"</i>
12:00 - 12:40	Mercedes Alonso Giner	Brussels	<i>"Exploring Aromaticity in Expanded Porphyrins: A Multidimensional Approach to Structure–Property Relationships"</i>
12:40 - 13:00	Yves Geerts	Groningen & Brussels	<i>Conclusions</i>
13:00 - 14:00	Sandwich lunch and informal discussions		
14:00	Departure		