

15th European Symposium on Quantitative Structure-Activity Relationships and Molecular Modelling (Euro-QSAR 2004)

The European Symposia on QSAR and Molecular Modelling are major scientific events that have been organized in different cities of Europe since 1973. They have a fascinating scope at rational approaches on drug design and worldwide attendance from both industry and academia. The 15th European Symposium on Quantitative Structure-Activity Relationships and Molecular Modelling (Euro-QSAR 2004) was held on September 5–10, 2004 in Istanbul, Turkey, also celebrating the 40th anniversary of QSAR.

The Euro-QSAR 2004, subtitled “QSAR & Molecular Modelling in the Rational Design of Bioactive Molecules”, offered a scientific programme that covered the most recent and advanced researches on a broad range of topics in the field of QSAR, chemical properties, the chemistry and biology interface, combinatorial chemistry, computer-aided drug design, and emerging technologies. We were very pleased that about 500 participants from all over the world, representing most of the major pharmaceutical industry and leading academic groups, met in Istanbul for the Euro-QSAR 2004 and enjoyed the 8 plenary lectures, given by excellent invited speakers, 30 oral communications and 264 poster presentations.

Of the 264 poster presentations, the scientific advisory board of the Euro-QSAR 2004 selected 30 as best posters and invited the authors to have them published as Full Papers in the journal *QSAR & Combinatorial Science* (*QCS*), which is the home journal of the international

“QSAR and Modelling Society”. In the end, a total of 11 manuscripts was received, peer-reviewed and accepted for publication in a Special Issue of *QCS*, devoted to the Euro-QSAR 2004. As the Guest Editors of this Special Issue, we are grateful to Michael Wiese, Editor *QCS*, and the excellent secretarial and organizational help from the journal *QCS*. We also wish to thank all researchers who contributed their manuscripts for publication in this Special Issue.



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