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*Dear Fellow Chemists,*

*Following the very successful conferences in Budapest (2006), Torino (2008) and Nürnberg (2010) we are now invited by the Czech Chemical Society to come to Prague for the 4th European Chemistry Congress.*

*Prague is not only one of the most beautiful cities in heart of Europe, it also a traditional city of science because it hosts Charles University, one of the oldest European Universities, founded in 1348. Furthermore, Prague has a long tradition to gather chemists from all over Europe. Around the turn of the 16th century Habsburg emperor Rudolf II, who resided in Prague, rallied the key alchemists of that time around him. The Zlatá ulička, the Golden Alley, a touristic spot at Hradšchin, owes its name to the alchemists who supposedly worked there to convert lead in gold and to find the Philosopher's stone.*



*Prague is therefore the ideal setting for addressing the challenges of today's chemistry. The 4th European Chemistry Congress provides the opportunity to present the latest progress in all areas of chemistry. It will bring together chemists from academia, industry and governments and provides a platform for discussing the contributions of chemistry to innovation in Europe and to meeting the big global challenges.*

*The congress also has a social function that is a "family celebration" of the European chemistry community. EuCheMS has more than 40 member societies in over 30 countries across Europe, which in total represent about 150.000 individual chemists. I would be delighted to meet a large proportion of them in Prague, as well as many friends from all over the world.*

*Personally and on behalf of EuCheMS I invite you to come to Prague. My special invitation goes to young chemists to use this unique opportunity for networking and creating contacts.*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'U. Schubert', written in a cursive style.

**Ulrich Schubert**  
EuCheMS President

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*Invitation to 4ECC Prague*

*Dear colleagues, it is my honour and pleasure to invite you, the members of the large chemical community to the Prague European Chemistry Congress. All the conveners and organizers are doing maximum to make the 4ECC a successful meeting, full of inspiring and exciting new chemistry and motivating meetings, personal discussions, enjoyment, and fun.*

*All are doing their best to fill the 11 main structural blocks of Congress with the most interesting available material in the field. Congress stresses not only "haute chimie" but also other dimensions of this important human activity, indispensable for quality life: environmental aspects, professional points of view, quality of teaching chemistry, responsibility and ethical connotations, and links to other branches of science and technology.*

*Let the Prague meeting of chemists be yours. May you feel you need to ask the organizers for anything, here we are.*



**Pavel Drašar**

*Chair of the Local Organising Committee*



*Dear colleagues,*

*I invite you to attend the 4th biennial European Chemistry Congress on August 26-30 in Prague, Czech Republic. The meeting is organized by the Czech Chemical Society on behalf of the nearly 50 European chemical societies and professional organizations that constitute the European Association for Chemical and Molecular Sciences (EuCheMS). It provides participants with academic, industrial, and government laboratories with a unique opportunity to familiarize themselves with the cutting edge of current chemistry in Europe, to renew old acquaintances, and to establish new contacts. An exhibition will be an excellent opportunity for learning about the latest advances in commercial products and for networking. Students and chemists in early stages of their careers are particularly welcome.*



*The ten main sections, each hosting several symposia, will provide a feast for the curious spirit, with chemistry for a sustainable world as the unifying theme. The following areas of chemistry will be covered: (i) analytical and electro, (ii) education and history, (iii) food, (iv) environmental, energy and green, (v) inorganic, (vi) life science, (vii) nano, (viii) organic and polymer, (ix) physical, theoretical, and computational, and (x) solid state.*

*I do not expect that it will be easy to find free time, but if you do, or better, if you stay for a few extra days before or after the meeting, you will be able to enjoy the fabled glory of the historic center of Prague, one of the few cities listed in the UNESCO World Cultural and Natural Heritage register. It is easily visible and easily reachable from the hill at which the conference center is located.*

*I am looking forward to seeing you in Prague in August 2012.*

**Josef Michl**

*Congress chairman*