

Questions for ICCC chairs

1. How did your country get to bid to host the conference?

Chile applied to host the ICCC in odd years due to the condition of a “far away” country”. Brazil, a country of this region, has had an ICCC also on odd year, 1977. The application was presented during the ICCC held in Athens in 1986 and formally accepted in the following ICCC in Porto in 1988. The ICCC in Chile was planned for being held in 1997. The first circular was distributed in Kyoto ICCC in 1994. During all this period six International Symposia has been organized by the Division of Inorganic Chemistry of the Chilean Chemical Society, being held in Santiago, Chile in 1985, 1986, 1989, 1991, 1993 and 1995.

2. How did you get to be conference chair?

I have attended ICCC's, many times, namely, Toronto, Dublin, Sao Paulo, Boulder, Athens, Porto, Gera, Lausanne, Kyoto and Vancouver, before the ICCC in Santiago. In addition, the Chilean Chemical Society and the Division of Inorganic Chemistry confirm my name as a conference chair.

3. What is your recollection of the plenary speakers?

Some general criteria discussed in ICCC meeting were applied. For instance, subjects of main interest in the moment and some equilibrium between countries. A special advisory committee created ad-hoc finally decided to invite the following plenary speakers: E.Solomon(USA, Bioinorganics); A.Cowley(USA, Main group elements); L.Oro(Spain, Organometallics), A.Danil de Namor(Argentine, Calixarenes), V.Sokolov (Russia, Fullerenes).

4 What was the most outstanding scientific event of the conference?

The most outstanding event of this conference was the fact that the subject “Fullerenes” has received the Nobel Prize in 1996. Prof. Sokolov invitation as a plenary lecturer “Fullerenes Coordinated to Transition Metals: Syntheses and Stereochemical Study”, was send during 1995.

5 What was the most memorable non-scientific event?

The most memorable non-scientific event was related to the world wide web system. This ICCC was the first in having an elemental www page for registration and for sending abstracts. Several academics have used this way of communication, which nowadays is absolutely normal.

Any other comments or observations?

Yes: the weather during the end of August (24 to 29) was brilliant in spite that it was winter time and rainy season.

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