5th Eurasian Conference on Heterocyclic Chemistry (5th EAMHC)

(Kuwait, 1-6 March, 2008)



This special issue of Arkivoc is dedicated to the publication of the work presented during the 5th Eurasian Meeting on Heterocyclic Chemistry (EAMHC-5) held in Kuwait from 1-6 March 2008. This meeting was held under the patronage of His Highness Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, Amir of Kuwait. The opening ceremony took place in Kuwait Sheraton and was attended by the Crown Prince His Highness Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, Speaker of the National Assembly, Minister of Education as well as others ministers, high state officials, Kuwait University President and Vice-presidents. The conference began with welcome speeches by the Minister of Education (on behalf of the Amir of Kuwait) and the Chairperson of the Organizing Committee, Professor Faiza Al-Kharafi. Professor Nouria Al-Awadi, the Chairperson of the Scientific Committee gave an interesting flashback on the scientists that were pioneers in various scientific disciplines and who lived in this part of the world.

The opening scientific lecture was delivered by Professor Alan Katritzky. This was a comprehensive lecture under the title "Heterocycles in the Service of Humankind". This was followed by scheduled scientific and social program as indicated in the meeting website which can be accessed at the following address: http://www.eam.hc5.kuniv.edu

Eurasian Meetings on Heterocyclic Chemistry are a series of conferences on heterocyclic chemistry that began in Russia in 2000. It attracts attendees from industry and academia, mainly from Europe and Asia, but also from the other continents. The meetings have a broad scope covering the whole subject of heterocyclic chemistry from theory to practical applications.

The 5th Eurasian Meeting on Heterocyclic Chemistry followed the same tradition, offering a scientific program dealing with the latest developments highlighting new methods in heterocyclic chemistry, biologically active heterocycles including pharmaceuticals and agrochemicals, heterocyclic natural products and analogues, heterocycles in molecular architecture and supramolecular chemistry and heterocycles in synthesis all presented by leading international experts.

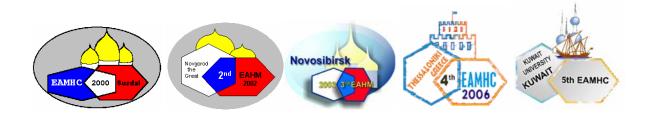
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The emphasis of the 5th Eurasian Meeting on Heterocyclic Chemistry was on "Heterocycles for Sustainable Well-being"

Besides scientific aspects of the program, the participants had a chance to appreciate the traditions and culture of Kuwait, thus extending the bridge between Europe and Asia.

It is appropriate to give a concise account of the history of Eurasian Meetings on Heterocyclic Chemistry, as reported by Prof. Eugene Babaev (Moscow).

History of Eurasian Heterocyclic Meetings



Eurasian Meetings on Heterocyclic Chemistry (EAMHC, early name – Eurasian Heterocyclic Meetings, EAHM)¹ are biannual meetings complementary to a number of heterocyclic events such as ICHC, European colloquium, Ibn Sina, Blue Danube and Florida Heterocyclic Meetings. The EAMHC meetings enhanced and improved heterocyclic chemistry by opening the doors to chemists from all over the world to meet and share results and ideas.

Launching the Eurasian Heterocyclic Conference of Chemistry (EMAHC) was the idea of Prof. Eugene Babaev (Moscow), who is considered to be the founder of this series of meetings. He believes that science and scientists play a crucial role in creating a better world, and that this could be achieved by collaboration in research and exchanging ideas that serve the prosperity of mankind, starting with Eurasia (Europe and Asia) which is biggest continent, occupying ~1/3 of the globe, where 70% of the world's population live in ~100 countries with vast ethnical diversity.

In August 1999 during the 17th International Congress of Heterocyclic Chemistry (ICHC) in Vienna, Babaev discussed the idea of EAHMs with several eminent chemists, who showed a high enthusiasm for the idea and became members of the International Advisory Board (IAB). The IAB included Prof. F. Sauter from Austria (who chaired ICHC and co-chaired several Blue Danube and Ibn Sina Heterocyclic Symposiums), Prof. J. Cavaleiro from Portugal (chaired the last European heterocyclic colloquium), Prof. S. Abu-Orabi from Jordan (organizer of few national and international meetings in Jordan) and other eminent scientists.

In addition, the International Society of Heterocyclic Chemistry adopted the initiative for this event: its chairman Prof. Y. Yamamoto (Japan) joined the IAB, and its secretary Prof. H. Neuenhoeffer (Germany) also decided to attend. Several prominent scientists (Prof. L. Harwood from UK, Prof. Ila Hiriakanavar from India, Prof. Sunggak Kim from Korea and others) expanded the geographical location of potential speakers.

The board adopted the "golden rule" of Prof. Fritz Sauter to organize a successful conference (let's call it "the 3 P's" rule): "good Program (attractive speakers), good Place (tourist attraction with good transportations), and a good Price (small registration fee)". Suzdal – an ancient and small Russian town was chosen as the venue for the first meeting in the year 2000.

The EAMHC have the following aims:

- Achieve better acquaintance with the science of our "continental neighbors".
- Achieve maximal geographical diversity of the participants.
- Encouraging young chemists by giving them better educational and training opportunities.
- Establishing stronger collaboration between Eurasian countries.
- Cultural exchange which brings better understanding and appreciation of diversity.
- Establishing friendships between chemists of different Eurasian countries.

Traditionally, the list of IAB members is slightly modified every meeting according to suggestions of the National Organizing Committees (NOC) and activity of the past members. Below is the full list of all scientists that so far have served as IAB members in the period 2000-2008. (The numbers given in square brackets show in which of EAMHC meetings when they provided their services).

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Prof. G. Hajos (Hungary)	[2]		

Reports of the previous EAHMC:

EAHM-1 (Suzdal, Sept. 16-19, 2000)

Venue Suzdal – an ancient and small Russian town (about 250 km from Moscow),

where the atmosphere of old Russia has been preserved for centuries. Famous Suzdal ensemble of monasteries and churches and comfortable tourist center always attracts a lot of visitors from abroad. This town is considered as one of the world cultural heritage sites by UNESCO commission. Also Suzdal is a part of famous "Golden Ring" (a set of ancient towns around Moscow), and this name was also featured – it may be symbolically associated not only with a heterocyclic ring, but also with a

golden ring coupling East and West.

Accommodation International Tourist Center, Suzdal (GTK-Suzdal).

Announcements Conference website (http://www.chem.msu.ru/eng/misc/babaev/Eurasia/1a.html, Feb.

2000). Circulars distributed at ISHM in Alexandria and at International meeting in Jordan. The circulars were published in Indian and Russian

journals of heterocyclic chemistry.

Sponsors Bayer AG.

Registration fee Mostly waived. Registration fee USD500 was taken from business

and support participants. In few cases the flight costs were partially reimbursed.

Participation 70 attendees from Russia, Germany, India, Portugal, Austria, Greece, Japan,

Egypt, Belgium, Jordan, Armenia, Netherlands, Latvia, Switzerland,

Ukraine, Korea, UK, and Iraq.

Topics Synthesis of biologically active structures, heterocycles from unusual sources

(like sugars and terpenes), asymmetric synthesis, new reagents and catalysts, ring transformations and multicomponent reactions, chemistry of certain

classes of heterocycles.

IAB Chair E. Babaev

IAB Attended F. Sauter, R. Varma, Y. Yamamoto, L. Harwood, S. Abu-Orabi, J. Cavaleiro,

Asish De, W. Bender

Organization Moscow State University

NOC Chair E. Babaev

National N. Zefirov (Moscow); A. Potekhin (St. Petersburg); O. Chupakhin

advisory board (Ekaterinburg); A. Tkachev (Novosibirsk); B. Trofimov (Irkutsk) **NOC Members** Dr. N. Vasilevich; A. Nasonov; K. Pasichnichenko; A. Tsisevich

Scientific 32 plenary/invited talks and 23 posters

Program

Talks Harwood L., Ila Hiriakanavar, Bakulev V., Bender W., Abu-Orabi S.,

Nenajdenko V., De A., Yamamoto Y., Doepp D., Tkachev A., El-Ashry E-S. H., Kanemasa S., Mihovilovic M., Chandrasekhar S., Neunhoeffer H., Sauter F., Froehlich J., Das B., Babaev E., Varvounis G., Stakemeier H., Kim

Sunggak, Charushin V., Chupakhin O., Cavaleiro J., Dehaen W., Gadaginamath G., Rusinov G., Varma R.S., Sharba A.-H.

Cultural and Social Events

Special atmosphere of the meeting was highly democratic; very prominent scientists and less-known colleagues had a lot of informal discussions. The participants highly appreciated rich cultural program, several excursions to Suzdal museums, pre/post-conference tours to Moscow, folklore group, perfect Russian food.

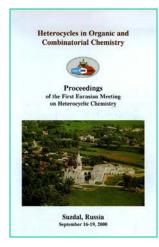
Round Table Meeting

Table The conference was finished by round table, where the participants claimed the same opinion that this initiative was very important, this meeting should be repeated in 2-3 years, and all participants voted that the next location of the meeting should be (at least for 2-3 next events) again in Russia.

Memorial Features Publication A night lecture "Organic analysis allows us a look at prehistoric life" given by Prof. Sauter.

Book of conference proceedings. The detailed report (in Russian) about this

meeting was published².





EAHM-2 (Novgorod the Great, September 14 - 17, 2002)

Venue

Novgorod the Great – city located in the North-Western part of Russia (not far from St.-Petersburg). Citizens of Novgorod developed and used (for about 600 years) the "veche" – ancient parliament of all citizens that took all vital decisions on the life and foreign policy of the city. So, Novgorod is a symbolic cradle of Russian republican and democratic traditions. The ancient republic's special political structure, spiritual freedom and territorial independence were highly favorable to evolve culture and art. Famous Novgorod Kremlin, ensembles of monasteries and churches always attract a lot of tourists from abroad, and this town is considered as another UNESCO world cultural heritage site.

Accommodation Hotel Intourist, Novgorod the Great

Announcements Conference website (http://www.chem.msu.ru/eng/misc/babaev/Eurasia/2a.html).

Circulars distributed at earlier heterocyclic meetings (Jordan chemistry meeting, Blue Danube symposium in Slovakia) and at another Eurasian event

- 8th Eurasian Chemistry and Industry Meeting in Karachi.

Sponsors Bayer AG

Registration fee USD 300/200 Academic/Student for full-board accommodation.

Participation In spite of the 9/11 and other tragedy events, we were able to organize a very

successful conference with high standards. 60 attendees from different places of Russia (many from Siberia), China and Hong Kong, Japan, Egypt, Greece,

Hungary, Austria, Belgium, Germany, Latvia and Ukraine.

Topics The reviews on classical topics of heterocyclic chemistry were

complemented by combinatorial chemistry topics - library design,

multicomponent reactions, solid phase synthesis.

IAB Chair E. Babaev

IAB Attended G. Hajos, O. Kappe, W. Bender

Organization Moscow State University; St.-Petersburg University, Novgorod University

NOC Chair E. Babaev

National N. Zefirov (Moscow); A. Potekhin (St. Petersburg); O. Chupakhin

advisory board (Ekaterinburg); A. Tkachev (Novosibirsk); B. Trofimov (Irkutsk); A.

Anisimov (Moscow)

NOC Members Dr. N. Zhokhova (Moscow), secretary; Prof. B. Seleznyov (Velikiy

Novgorod); Dr. S. Morozkina (St.Petersburg); Dr. I. Balova (St.Petersburg)

Scientific 23 speakers and 20 posters

Program

Talks Thieman T., Kappe O., Nenajdenko V., Bauser M., Nishiwaki N., Van der

Eycken E., Poroikov V., Hajos G., Mikhailov V., Varvounis G., Dai Wei-Min, Abdou Wafaa, Doepp D., Huebsch W., Dehaen W., Ershov A., Butin A., Ermolat'ev D., Bush A., Zhidovinova M., Morozkina S., Li Bin,

Vasilevskiy S.

Cultural and Excursions to Kremlin and Novgorod museums, concert of Russian folklore

Social Events group, pre/post conference tours to St.-Petersburg and Moscow.

Round Table Again participants voted to keep the further event in Russia.

Meeting

Memorial That year the preference was given to younger leaders (the age of speakers

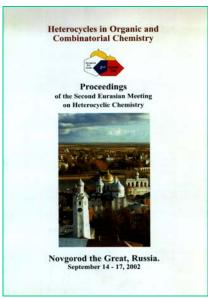
Features was 30-45 years), and a special session was organized to PhD and

undergraduate students.

Publication Book of conference proceedings. The report about that meeting was

published³ and selected materials appeared online as full papers in

*Molecules*⁴.





EAHM-3 (Novosibirsk, September 12 - 17, 2004)

Venue After two events organized in European part of Russia (in close vicinities to

two Russian capitals, Moscow and St.-Petersburg) the meeting was shifted to Asian part. The chosen place was Novosibirsk – the geographical center of Russia, the heart and capital of Siberia. The city is famous for its Scientific Center ("Akademgorodok") where tens of academic institutes form a sort of town with quite a unique atmosphere. (Sometimes nowadays this area is referred as "Silicon taiga".) September in Siberia is mild (Golden Autumn

season).

Accommodation Resort "Forest Fancy" located in beautiful pine woodland on the shore of the

Ob Sea (30 km from the downtown).

Announcements Conference website (http://www.nioch.nsc.ru/conf2004/).

Circulars distributed at CTDDR-2004 in India.

Sponsors Buchi (Switzerland), Russian Foundation of Basic Research, local companies

from Novosibirsk.

Registration fee USD350/150 for academic participants/accompanying persons (250/100 for

and support FSU participants) with full-board accommodation.

Participation 130 participants from 25 countries attended the meeting, now not only from

Eurasia but also from Africa, Central America and Australia.

Topics The EAHM meeting was combined with another event - 2nd International

Conference on Natural Products and Physiologically Active Substances. Joining two meetings "in one flask" was beneficial, since heterocyclic chemistry is strongly linked to natural compounds and drugs, and because of

broader geography of participants.

IAB Chair E. Babaev

IAB Attended Y. Yamamoto, Li Bin

Organization Novosibirsk Institute of Organic Chemistry, Novosibirsk State University,

Moscow Sate University (Russia) and Ghent University (Belgium).

NOC Chair Prof. A. Tkachev (Novosibirsk)

NOC Members Dr. V. Khlestkin (secretary), Prof. V. Raldugin, Prof. E. Shultz, Prof. V. Reznikov, Prof.

M. Yusubov, Dr. D. Mazhukin, Dr. M. Polovinka, Dr. L. Kozachok, Dr. M. Mitasov,

Dr. A. Shpatov, Dr. O. Yarovaya, Dr. E. Romanenko

Scientific 22 invited and plenary lectures and oral communications (involving

Program presentations given by young scientists). Swiss company Büchi organized

practical seminar to demonstrate its equipment.

Talks Butin A., Van der Eycken E., Grigor'ev I., Morzherin Yu., Vasilevsky S., Al-

Aboudi A., Bakulev V., de Groot A., Bin Li, de Meijere A., Wicha J., Babaev E., Kirilyuk I., Sharba A., Al-Smadi M., Abdel-Hamid N., Leshina T., Lomovsky O., Oliver D., Peter-Katalinić J., Taraban M., Tarabanko V.,

Taylor W.

Cultural and City tours, excursions to Novosibirsk museums, pre/post conference tours to

Social Events Altai mountains, ancient city Tomsk. Acquaintance with Akademgorodok

institutes.

Round Table Participants enjoyed combination of two events. The necessity to establish

Meeting international group for further advanced planning of the event (Eurasian

bureau or EB) was adopted.

Memorial The most memorial was that participants were isolated in the forest area and

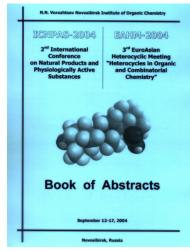
Features got full taste of virgin Siberian nature and plenty of informal

communications. Some scientist enjoyed swimming at night in Ob river.

Publication Book of conference proceedings. The report about that meeting was

published⁵ and selected materials appeared online as full papers in

Molecules⁶.





EAMHC-4 (Thessaloniki, August 27-31, 2006)

Venue In early 2005 Prof. Athina Geronikaki from Thessaloniki (Greece) suggested

to Prof. Babaev her desire to host the next event. The chosen place, Thessaloniki is one of the oldest cities in Europe. Many things there and around (during conference tours) memorized the name of Alexander the Great: the name Thessaloniki (originated from the name of his sister), the ancient city Pella (his birthplace), and the city Vergina (with fascinating grave of his farther Phillip). This link of Eurasian event to this famous figure of ancient times is especially symbolic. The Alexander's empire was one of the biggest in human history spreading from Europe to Asia, being the source

of strong interaction between Hellenistic and Asian cultures.

Accommodation Hotel Capsis, Thessaloniki

Announcements Conference website (http://web.auth.gr/eamhc/) and ISHC website. Circulars

distributed at the international heterocyclic meetings (in India, Slovak

Republic and Russia).

Sponsors Sanofi Aventis, ELPEN Pharmaceutical Company, Pharmaserv-Lilly,

Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Panhellenic Pharmaceutical Association, Elsevier, Pharmaten, Rafarm pharmaceuticals, Vocate, Janssen-

Cilag.

Registration fee EU 300/100/70 for academic/accompanying/students.

Participation 200 participants from 36 countries attended the meeting; the biggest

delegations were from Russia and Iran.

Topics Heterocyclic chemistry topics complemented mainly with medicinal

chemistry issues.

IAB Chair A. Geronikaki, E. Babaev (co-chair)

IAB Attended W. Abdou, S. Abu-Orabi, O. Attanasi, Biao Jiang, J. Cavaleiro, L. Fisera, S.

Florio, L. Harwood, H. Ila, V. Kartsev, Y. Yamamoto, I. Yavari

EB Attended E. Babaev, Li Bin, A. Geronikaki, G. Hajos, Cirrincione G.

Organization Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

NOC Chair A. Geronikaki

NOC Members Vice-rector Gerothanasis G., Ass. Prof. Argiropoulos N., Dr. Eleftheriou Ph.,

Dr. Gavalas A., Ass.Prof. Kamoutsis Ch., Ass.Prof. Kokkalou E., Ass.Prof.

Varela E., Ass. Prof. Varvounis G

National Prof. Chiotellis E., Prof. Kordopatis P., Prof. Nikolaidis D., Assoc. Prof.

Advisory Board Rousis V., Prof. Varvouglis

Scientific 59 invited, plenary and oral reports and 142 posters

Program

Talks Biao Jiang, Charushin V., Harwood L., Ila Hiriyakkanavar, Kartsev V.,

Yamamoto Y., Abu Orabi S., Baraldi G., Cavaleiro J., Cirrincione G., Dehaen W., Florio S., Giannis A., Gracza T., El Kashef H., Fisera L.,

Frohlich J., Gleiter R., Halazy S., Knight D., Koutentis P., Attanasi O., Poroikov V., Shah A., Spinelli D., Stanovnik B., Vasilevskiy S., Yavary I., Vus M., Wormuth C. and others

Yus M., Wermuth C. and others.

Cultural and Thessaloniki city tour, conference tours (to Olympus, Meteora, Vergina-

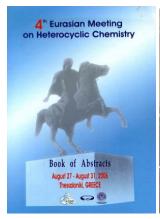
Social Events Pella), folklore groups.

Round Table Announcement of the next meeting to be held in Kuwait.

Memorial This year three best posters were awarded. At the opening ceremony the International Scientific Foundation has awarded the Aristotle University with crystal globe, and School of Pharmacy (and its Head) with medal on occasion of the 50th anniversary. Participants will also remember fascinating

Greek dancing with organizers at the closing ceremony.

Publication Book of conference abstracts. The report about the meeting was published⁷.





EAMHC-5 (Kuwait, March 1-6, 2008).

Venue Sheraton Hotel and Conference Hall, Kuwait University

Accommodation Sheraton Hotel, Four points by Sheraton, Meridien Towers,

Kuwait City

Announcements Website: http://www.eam.hc5.kuniv.edu

Sponsors Kuwait University and Kuwait Foundation for Advancement of

Sciences (KFAS)

Registration fee US\$ 400 for oral/poster, US\$300 for accompanying persons

including accommodation and local hospitality

Participation 226 Participants from 28 countries from Europe, Asia, Africa

and North America.

Topics "Heterocycles for sustainable wellbeing"

The 5th Eurasian Meeting on Heterocyclic Chemistry will follow in the same tradition, offering a scientific program dealing with the latest developments highlighting new methods

in heterocyclic chemistry, biologically active heterocycles including both pharmaceuticals and agrochemicals, heterocyclic natural products and analogues, and heterocycles in synthesis presented by leading international experts. The emphasis of the 5th Eurasian Meeting on Heterocyclic Chemistry would be on

"Heterocycles for Sustainable Well-being"

Professor Faiza Al-Kharafi, Physical Chemist, University **Honorary Committee**

President (1993-2002). Professor Nader Al-Jalal, Organic

Chemist, University President (2002-2006)

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Committee Co-Chairman: Abdul Hadi Bu-Olayan

Convener: Hamad Al-Matar

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Sultan Abu Orabi (Jordan), Yehia A Ibrahim (Kuwait)

Nouria Al-Awadi **IAB Chair**

IAB Attended all

Scientific Program 8 plenary lectures, 16 invited lectures, 21 oral talks and 41 poster

presentations

Talks

Cultural and Social Events Folklore Kuwaiti dance in Sheraton Hotel, Reception dinner at

traditional Diwania (Al-Kharafi Diwania), tour to Scientific

center and tour to Failaka islands

Round Table Announcement of the next meeting to be held in Alicante

University, Spain. Convener Prof. Miguel Yus

Memorial Features Three best posters were selected from among the posters

> exhibited. All plenary and invited speakers were presented with memento of Kuwait Boom symbolizing conference logo and Kuwait.. Participants will also remember fascinating Kuwaiti Dance at Sheraton Hotel and trips to Kuwait Towers, Scientific

Center and Failaka Island

Publication Book of conference proceedings. Edited by: Osman El-Dusouqui

and Yehia A. Ibrahim and Prepared by: Jose Kodiyan and Shibu

John
The report about that meeting will be published in a special issue of Arkivoc, *Arkivoc* **2009** (ix)



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