

Messages from the Chairmen of WCSB7

Philippe Davin and Stephane Brochot

At the conclusion of WCSB6 an executive meeting elected two new co-chairmen for WCSB7, who have decided to keep us all updated with relevant information in this column. Co-chairmen Philippe Davin and Stephane Brochot are pleased to announce that the 7th World Conference on Sampling and Blending (WCSB7) will take place in Bordeaux, France, in the week of 8–12 June 2015. The conference itself will take place during the three latter days, 10–12 June, while short courses will be offered for the beginning of the week, 8 and 9 June. The conference venue will be: Centre de Congrès Cité Mondiale, 18 parvis des Chartrons, 33 080 Bordeaux, France. Latitude: N 44° 50' 59.87" / Longitude: W 0° 34' 16.09".

Bordeaux

Bordeaux is of course a city very well known for its wines, but did you know that it is also a city of art and history, indeed listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site! Discover more about Bordeaux: <http://www.bordeaux-tourisme.com/pl/index.pl?langueSelected=uk>

The city offers a large selection of hotels at all price levels. The chairmen will supply

more information of the selected conference hotels (and their deals) in the next issue of *TOS forum*.

Association WCSB7

An *ad hoc* association, "Association WCSB7", has been created under French law in order to organise this event in the most efficient way. Association WCSB7 will be the *de facto* organiser of the conference. In order to be able to carry out all organisational, administrative and practical work leading up to the conference week, funding is needed. Funding in the next 14 months can be considered as advanced payment of conference fees and/or sponsorship. Should you be interested in helping the association already now (**greatly appreciated**), please contact wcsb7@caspeo.net.

We also invite you to join the association personally by contacting wcsb7@caspeo.net

Proceedings—publication

Two experienced gentlemen in scientific publishing, Professor Kim H. Esbensen (editor for the WCSB1 Proceedings) and Professor Emeritus Pentti O. Minkinen (past Editor for *Chemometrics and*



Intelligent Laboratory Systems and co-editor of the WCSB1 Proceedings) have offered to organise publication of the WCSB7 proceedings, bringing them in line with current trends regarding on-line publishing (with concomitant significant savings on the conference budget). They report that several options are currently under negotiations with a reputable publishing house (print/on-line), but it should calm everybody's concerns to know that it is a requirement that conference delegates shall receive a copy of all proceedings *at the conference*, and that a peer-reviewed selection of papers will also be published in *Chemometrics and Intelligent Laboratory Systems* in order to make the conference and its achievements known and available to a larger audience within science, technology and industry. It is reported that negotiations are progressing well; *Messieurs* Esbensen & Minkinen will report in full in the next issue of *TOS forum*.



City of Bordeaux. UNESCO World Heritage Site.