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Organizing a major International Conference like OMCOS is not a trivial thing, but it brings the organizer a lot of new experiences, and great pleasure after all. The last six weeks before the conference date are the worst. They go along with sleepless nights and stomach ache in fear that the budget would not be balanced, because attendance might not be as expected. After all, OMCOS 9 came out well with an overall of 928 participants, 475 of which were full-paying delegates and around 400 subsidized students.

Here are some excerpts from my e-mail correspondence during 1997:

Dear Professor de Meijere:

I regret to inform you that I wish to remove myself as a lecturer for the OMCOS in Goettingen. This decision is due to a need to decrease my travel for personal reasons. It is largely the result of the recent birth of my first child and my need to spend more of his first year at home.

(Received on Feb. 2nd, 1997)

Dear Armin:

I think OMCOS makes you very busy this

year. The 2nd circular has not reached me yet. You may have already sent it to me but, if not, I should be grateful for an early reply. (Received Feb. 7th, 1997)

Professor de Meijere,

..... called me this morning and inform me that you obtain from me email of June 10 where I "would have to withdraw my registration". This situation is so ridiculous that I feel my secretary mixed up something. I really did not sign such message and therefore didn't send it to you.

I'm sorry if this has happened.

Really I would like to attend the Meeting in Goettingen; I've received your kind letter concerning the financial support for me. Thank you for your generous activity doing this.

Would you be so kind to send me as soon as possible the official invitation to make visa application.

Please send me it by fax and by mail.

Thank you very much.

Yours truly,

(Received 11th June, 1997)

Hi Armin:

Glad to hear that things are picking up in terms of attendance. It should continue for another few weeks. Also, there surely will be those that will come and register on site, although not too many of these that are full-paying. Some students are likely, though.

Yes, I have raised half of my airfare, thanks to your letter, which I appreciate very much.

Since you did not mention your budget situation, I can offer a few comments about where some costs might be saved. I found that providing everyone with pads and pens can really add up. You may not chose to do this depending upon the costs for such items in Germany. I would not find it offensive if I had to use my own supplies, which I suspect everyone brings anyway. From every previous OMCOS I have given these away.

At OMCOS 8, I saved money by using students to 'man' the desk during busy times, which saved me \$ that would go to hiring staff people beyond Sally and the person who handled the money. I know that you hired the GDCh, but maybe you can save on that bill by using your own helpers at peak times.

Just a thought.

Hope all is progressing well and that your

health is holding out.

(Received June 13th, 1997)

Dear Professor Armin,

Thank you once more for your help. I would not like to be so demanding on my needs regarding my trip! But since the OMCOS9 will be a nice opportunity for me to present our work, to meet people and to see what is hot in this field I accept your kind offer to cover my travel expenses with funds from the VW Stiftung. I would also like to discuss with you

(Received June 17th, 1997)

Dear Armin:

It was very good news indeed to hear that the predictions for attendance have come to be reality; I am sure you are resting a lot easier and can now focus on items that are more of a practical rather than financial nature.

Choosing the short talks is surely one of the most gut-wrenching aspects to the job of running an OMCOS meeting. That is why I left it to to call the shots on this one! I think the politics do need to be considered at this level, especially if they can balance a tough decision made at the plenary/invited talk level. Thus, I hope you have this balance of chemistry/countries/sex within your list-

ings. The bottom line, as ...
and I saw it, is that "people will notice".

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See you soon. Please recall: pay particular
attention to your health
during the next month! Otherwise, let me
know if I can help in any way-
(Received June 19th, 1997)

Dear Prof. Dr. Armin de Meijere
How are you doing?
This email is to ask you another inquiry
about my trouble on the double
charge of OMCOS registration fee. Unfortu-
nately, I am still in the trouble.
My bank account was doubly charged and I
have not heard about this matter
from Gesellschaft Deutscher Chemiker yet.
So, I would like to make an
inquiry directly to Gesellschaft Deutscher
Chemiker. Would you please give
me the address and FAX number of the per-
son in charge of this matter at
Gesellschaft Deutscher Chemiker in Frank-
furt.

Thank you.
(Received Sept. 8th, 1997)

Dear Armin,
OMCOS 9 in Gottingen last July has been a
very successful meeting.
The next OMCOS symposium "Organome-
tallic Chemistry directed towards Organic
Synthesis" OMCOS 10 will take place at "Le

Palais des Congrès" in
Versailles close to Paris from Sunday July 18
to Thursday July 22, 1999.

As a member of the International Scientific
Committee, we would like to
invite you to propose some names of presti-
gious chemists of your country
for plenary lectures and invited lectures.

Your suggestions are also welcome for lec-
turers from other countries. It is
the tradition that chemists are invited only
once to present a plenary or
an invited lecture at OMCOS.

We would appreciate to receive your sugges-
tions by the mid of October 1997.

Yours sincerely,
J. P. Genet Chairman
(Received Oct. 31st, 1997)

Dear Professor de Meijere
I thank you very much for the photographs
and again for the invitation to
participate to the OMCOS meeting. At this
occasion I had the opportunity to
have stimulating discussions with many sci-
entists and I have learnt much
from the conferences. Since that time I have
met french scientists who had
joined this meeting and every one has kept
good feeling and memory from the
congress. I would like to address you my
congratulations for the
organization and the scientific programme.
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9TH IUPAC SYMPOSIUM ON ORGANOMETALLIC CHEMISTRY
DIRECTED TOWARDS ORGANIC SYNTHESIS

WELCOME TO OMCOS 9

On behalf of the Organizing Committee, let me welcome you to the cozy university town Göttingen in the heart of Germany, hosting the 9th IUPAC Symposium on Organometallic Chemistry Directed Towards Organic Synthesis. This symposium is designed to continue the flourishing series of OMCOS meetings previously held in various locations around the world, and to highlight the steadily increasing importance that metals gain in mediating or assisting numerous types of transformations in synthetic organic chemistry. Many organometallic processes are unsurpassed in elegance and efficiency, and they have intruded into many related areas of research, making this field truly interdisciplinary. Moreover, with increasing societal attention to environmental concerns, organometallics continue to be viewed as catalytic agents *par excellence* for many chemical processes which have passed the barrier from research to industrial applications. This development undoubtedly has just begun, and it will continue for the foreseeable future.

In recognition of the expanding field of organometallic research, several topics of current and future interest will be addressed during this four and a half-day Symposium:

- Catalytic Transformations of Organic Molecules
- Catalyst Engineering
- C-C and C-X Bond Forming Processes Mediated by Metals
- Creation of New Materials Using Organometallics
- Asymmetric Synthesis Applying Organometallics and Metal Catalysts
- Bond Activation by Metal Complexes
- Oligometal Catalysis
- Mechanistic and Structural Aspects of Organometallic Transformations
- Oligo- and Polymerizations Under Metal Catalysis

The OMCOS 9 Symposium will consist of 51 oral presentations, divided among 5 Plenary Lectures, 1 Award Lecture, 19 Invited Lectures, and 25 Short Lectures. In addition, there will be over 450 Poster Communications.

We hope that all participants will have many opportunities during OMCOS 9 to benefit professionally, take part in the events planned, and at the same time, enjoy the charm of this little Old World city of Göttingen and its scenic surroundings.

If we can assist you further in any way so as to make your stay in Göttingen more pleasant, please do not hesitate to contact me, any of my co-workers wearing a yellow badge, or the personnel at the Conference Registration & Information Desk located near the entrance of the Central Lecture Complex.

Armin de Meijere
Armin de Meijere
Chairman
Göttingen, Germany

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FINAL PROGRAM

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TIME TABLE OVERVIEW

The conference desk (e.g. for registration) will be open every day from 8:00 a.m.

Day	08:00-09:00	09:00-10:00	10:00-11:00	11:00-12:00	12:00-13:00	13:00-14:00	14:00-15:00	15:00-16:00	16:00-17:00	17:00-18:00	18:00-19:00	19:00-20:00	20:00-21:00	21:00-22:00	22:00-23:00
Friday	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration
Thursday	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration
Wednesday	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration
Tuesday	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration
Monday	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration
Sunday	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration

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**OMCOS 9
Menu**

*1994|95 Oberbergener Baszeige
Müller-Thungau, quality white wine
- dry -
Wine growers association Oberbergen*

*1994|95 Oberbergener Baszeige
Pinot Noir, rosé wine
Quality wine - dry -
Wine growers association Oberbergen*

*1993 Bönningheimer Sonnenberg
Pinot Noir, red wine
Quality wine - mild -
Wine growers association Bönningheim*

*Beer, mineral water, coke, orange drink
Apple juice, orange juice*

*Pâté of guinea fowl
with apple-fig salad
cumberland sauce
butter and pastries*

*Oxtail soup
with sherry*

*Salmon steaks and scampis
on morel sauce
with snow pea pods
and curcuma rice*

*Parfait of blackberries
in a ring of multilayered (Baumkuchen) cake
with grappa sabayon*