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FIRST IRMED SUMMER TRAINING SCHOOL



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The first IRMED Summer Training School was organised by Professor Karsten Haupt from the CNRS, Compiègne University of Technology, and held at L’Ile d’Oleron, a small island on the southern Atlantic coast of France, near La Rochelle.

Over forty people “dipped” in this wonderful island to learn the latest scientific advances and discuss science for five days. Participants came from the UK (Queen Mary University of London and Cranfield University), Germany (Dortmund University) and France (Compiègne University of Technology, CNRS) gathered to present the most current data on their researches in a professional way, showing the importance of MIPs in different fields.



Presentations

On the highlights of the school were the talks by eminent scientist in the field: Dr Iva Chianella, Dr Michael Whitcombe, Dr Elena Piletska, Professor Sergey Piletsky (Cranfield University), Professor Karsten Haupt (CNRS) and Dr Marina Resmini (Queen Mary, University of London). They gave an outstanding overview of the latest developments on the area of molecular imprinting and highlighted the exceptional applications. of this field.

There were also very interesting presentations from researchers with very different backgrounds,



Sailing

This school offered important opportunities for networking and development of new collaborations. It was also the perfect venue for practicing our presentation skills and develop our confidence in preparation for our next career step.

both from academic as well as industry.

It was a perfect time of the year to explore the island on foot, bicycle and boat. During breaks we had the possibility to challenge ourselves in amazing sports such as golf and sailing.



Cycling



Degustation

Many thanks to Professor Karsten Haupt and his team for organizing this event and to all the participants for the enthusiasm they showed.

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IRMED First International Meeting took place in the largest and one of the most charming cities of France. Paris.

In spite of the summer time, the morning of the 29th of June was grey and cold, so, waiting in the Compiègne train station was not as pleasant as we expected, but our long of life in the Picardie region (almost 3 years) gave us hope for the day ahead.



As soon as we arrived in Paris, the sun was up in the sky, warm and soft, meeting us at the *Gare du Nord*. Thus we decided not to take a metro or a bus but instead to enjoy Paris early in the morning while walking till the *rendez-vous* point.



By walking to the south from the train station, we took the *Boulevard de Sébastopol* in the 4th arrondissement. For around 30 min *à pied* we could absorb all the beauty of architecture and of small green squares lost in star-like quarters.

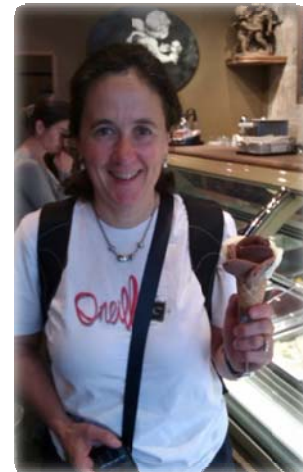
Our meeting started with interesting presentations followed by hot discussions and striking ideas for future work.

After a while, we felt that “fuel” was necessary for us to continue our work and to think in right order. We were lucky, that just across the road, there was an amazing place with French kitchen. Sitting outside on the terrace and waiting for an extravagant and smiling *garçon* to take our orders, we could enjoy all the smells coming from the kitchen and *Ile-de-France* sun rays penetrating through the window.

After the lunch we continued our work. For us it was a very good experience of working in a team, sharing the ideas, making conclusions and generalizing the results of performed work in the lab. We have learned how to plan and write the progress report for a project performed in collaboration of different research groups.



When the brain-storming was finished, exhausted but content, we decided to have an ice-cream in the famous Italian *gelato* near Pompidou center, the museum of modern art. Well-known for its unusual architecture, where all functional elements such as escalators, water pipes and air conditioning are moved to the outside of the building, attracts not only tourists but also Parisians.



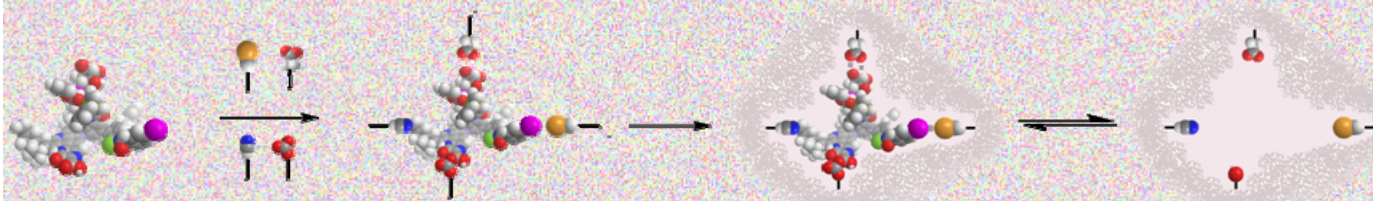
We should admit that the flavor of the ice-cream was not inferior to its appearance. For the first time, we could see the ice-cream made in the rose-like shape.

After, we decided to seize the opportunity and send the postcards with the *français* stamps on top to our friends straight from the heart of France.



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