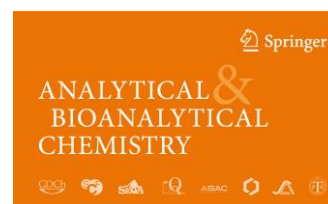


ABC at a glance

News from Analytical and Bioanalytical Chemistry ... summer 2015



Impact Factor 2014 – many citations for ABC

The latest Impact Factors for the year 2014 were announced by Thomson Reuters at the end of June. ABC has a new impact factor of 3.436, which is slightly below last year's 3.578. The journal's ranking among 74 analytical journals is position 13. The total number of citations to ABC papers has risen favourably by 4.6% to 25,559 citations, so that ABC remains ranked 8th with respect to citations.

Summer meeting of the ABC Editors in Heidelberg

The strategic development of the journal was the central theme of the yearly meeting of the Editors in early July in Heidelberg. Topics under discussion included the composition of the team of Editors and that of the International Advisory Board. It was decided that in future there should be a closer cooperation between these two pillars of ABC's success.



Participants from left to right: Günter Gauglitz, Philippe Garrigues, David Muddiman, Klaus Heumann, Stephen Wise, Alfredo Sanz-Medel, Aldo Roda. Sylvia Daunert, Kiyokatsu Jinno and Lihua Zhang were not able to attend.

Meeting of the ABC owner societies in Alcalá de Henares, Spain

The co-owner societies SEQA and RSEQ were the hosts of this year's meeting of the owner societies. The development of the journal was the subject of heated discussion and the owners (GDCh, SCF,

SEQA, RSEQ, ASAC, DAS/SCS, SCI, PTChem, and Springer) agreed on a procedure for the future development of the editorial board.



Participants from left to right: Wolfram Koch (GDCh), Francesco de Angelis (SCI), Steffen Pauly (Springer), Philippe Garrigues (SCF) and Elena Domínguez Cañas (SEQA), and behind the camera Nicola Oberbeckmann-Winter (Springer). José M. Pingarrón (RSEQ), Wolfgang Buchberger (ASAC), Gérard Hopfgartner (DAS/SCS), Piotr Balczewski (PTChem) were not able to attend.

ABC Spotlight on.....

The article series ABC Spotlights, started in 2014, again offers you fascinating insights into hot topics of (bio)analytical chemistry. In March, ABC Editor Günter Gauglitz contributed an 'ABC Spotlight on effect-directed analysis—dose instead of concentration' that is freely available to all readers at bit.ly/1FEETp4.

The series continues with an article by ABC Advisory Board member Adam Woolley, 'ABC Spotlight on emerging microRNA analysis methods', that you will find free of charge at bit.ly/1LMknKv.

ABC ... meeting points

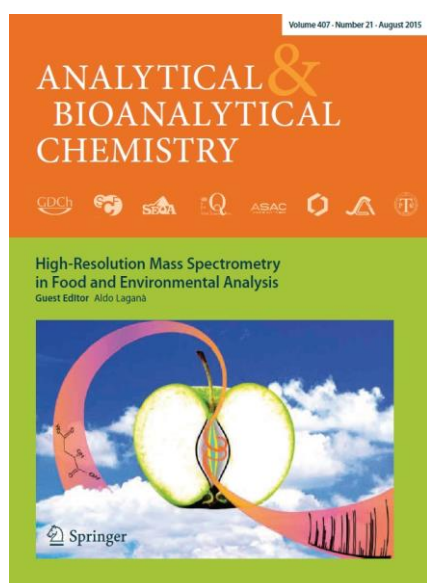
The ABC Editors and Springer representatives look forward to meeting you soon at one of the following conferences:

- GDCh-Wissenschaftsforum Chemie in Dresden (30 August – 2 September 2015)
- Colloquium Spectroscopicum Internationale XXXIX in Coimbra (30 August – 3 September 2015)
- EuroAnalysis2015 in Bordeaux (6 - 10 September 2015)
- XXV Congresso della Divisione de Chimica Analitica della Societa Chimica Italiana in Trieste (13 -17 September 2015)
- Instrumental Methods of Analysis in Kalamata (IMA 2015: 20 -24 September 2015)
- HPLC 2015 in Beijing (21 -25 September)

Overview of the latest topical collections

You will find all ABC issues and topical collections online at link.springer.com/journal/216. Please click on 'Browse Volumes & Issues' to see an overview of ABC issues (Volumes), to papers not yet assigned to an issue (Online First), and to the various topical collections (Topics).

Is there a topic you feel warrants a topical collection and might you be interested in acting as guest editor? The ABC editorial office welcomes all your suggestions!



The beautiful and appetising cover of issue 407/21 is related to the topic of *High-Resolution Mass Spectrometry in Food and Environmental Analysis*, with Aldo Lagana as guest editor. The cover picture was designed by Andrea Ralli, Rome.

Here are the latest ABC topical collections and their guest editors:

July

Trends and critical reviews; ABC Editors

Lipidomics; Michal Holcapek (CZ)

August

Aerosols and Health; Ralf Zimmermann (DE)

High-Resolution Mass Spectrometry in Food and Environmental Analysis; Aldo Lagana (IT)

September

Capillary Electrophoresis of Biomolecules; Lisa Holland (US)

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