

IACIS2018 Conference

Rotterdam, The Netherlands

21 – 25 May 2018

Final Report



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General Information

Introduction

The 16th meeting of the International Association of Colloid and Interface Scientists IACIS2018 took place from 21 May to 25 May 2018, in WTC/De Beurs. WTC/De Beurs is located in the city centre of Rotterdam (NL).

The conference has targeted specialists in the contemporary fields of research such as surface forces, thin liquid films, foams, (micro) emulsions, surfactants, self-assembly, fine particles, colloidal dispersions, polymers, gels, wetting and interfacial rheology, and interfacial electric phenomena. With respect to applications, focus was on catalysis and surface reactivity, biological and biologically inspired systems and in fields such as food, medicine, environmental technology and energy.

Hosts

Wageningen University

TU Delft



Highlights

- International plenary speakers such as Jasna Brujic, Dganit Danino and Raffaele Mezzenga
- Life Time Achievement Award Ceremony in honor of Prof. Helmuth Möhwald
- Special Session in honor of Dotchi Exerowa, Dimo Platikanov and Hans Lyklema
- Conference food festival at Museum Prinsenhof in Delft
- Soundbite sessions in which a selection of posters were highlighted
- Poster area with 200 posters on display
- Delegates coming from 39 countries within a wide age range
- High interest in the different sessions throughout the entire conference period

Committees

IACIS2018 Local Organizing Committee:

1. **Ger Koper**, Delft University of Technology (Conference chair)
2. **Mieke Kleijn**, Wageningen University (Conference co-chair)
3. **Claire Chassagne**, Delft University of Technology
4. **Hans Geerlings**, Delft University of Technology
5. **Jasper van der Gucht**, Wageningen University
6. **Marleen Kamperman**, Wageningen University
7. **Stephen Picken**, Delft University of Technology
8. **Louis de Smet**, Wageningen University
9. **Simeon Stoyanov**, Unilever Research / Wageningen University

IACIS2018 Scientific Committee:

1. **Nicholas Abbott**, University of Wisconsin, USA
2. **Michèle Adler**, Université de Marne la Vallée, France
3. **Saule Aidarova**, Kazakh National Research Technical University, Kazakhstan
4. **Debora Berti**, Università di Firenze & CSGI, Italia
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6. **Ludmilla Boinovich**, Russian Academy of Sciences, Russia
7. **Michal Borkovec**, University of Geneva, Switzerland

8. **Leon Bremer**, DSM, The Netherlands
9. **Hans-Jürgen Butt**, MPI for Polymer Research, Germany
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11. **Louise Deschênes**, Agriculture et Agroalimentaire, Canada
12. **Jan Dhont**, Forschungszentrum Jülich, Germany
13. **Ben Ern **, University of Utrecht, Netherlands
14. **Fernando Galembeck**, Unicamp Instituto de Qu mica, Brazil
15. **Hans Geerlings**, Delft University of Technology
16. **Carla Giacomelli**, Universidad Nacional de C rdoba, Argentina
17. **Petra de Jongh**, Utrecht University, The Netherlands
18. **Baira Donoeva**, Utrecht University, The Netherlands
19. **Gijsje Koenderink**, FOM Institute AMOLF, The Netherlands
20. **Peter Kralchevsky**, University of Sofia, Bulgaria
21. **Kazue Kurihara**, Tohoku University, Japan
22. **Regine von Klitzing**, Technical University Berlin, Germany
23. **Yuan Li**, China Agricultural University, China
24. **Erik van der Linden**, Wageningen University & Research, The Netherlands
25. **Shlomo Magdassi**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel
26. **Pankaj Mishra**, Indian School of Mines, India
27. **Bernaardshaw Neppolian**, SRM University Chennai, India
28. **Chiara Neto**, University of Sydney, Australia
29. **To Ngai**, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong
30. **Tommy Nylander**, Lund University, Sweden
31. **Ignacio Pagonabarraga**, University of Barcelona, Spain
32. **Margarita Sanchez-Dominguez**, Cimav Unidad Monterrey, Mexico
33. **Louis de Smet**, Wageningen University
34. **Piotr Warszy ski**, Polish Academy of Science, Poland
35. **Greg Warr**, University of Sydney, Australia
36. **Junbai Li**, Chinese Academy of Sciences , China

Programme

The program of the conference included 4 plenary lectures, 53 keynotes and 266 contributed talks in five parallel sessions. In addition, there were more than 200 posters on exhibition during the whole conference and 24 poster presenters highlighted their poster in the soundbite session..

22 May 2018

08.00	08.30					
08.30	09.00					
09.00	09.30	Welcome & plenary lecture Dganit Danino				
09.30	10.00					
10.00	10.30					
10.30	12.30	CSA: Colloidal Self Assembly	GNC: Gold Nanocolloids	P&M: Emulsions with particles and microgels	CFC: Complex Fluids under Confinement	ASM: Active Soft Matter
12.30	13.00					
13.00	13.30					
13.30	15.30	UPC: Underwater adhesives, polymers, composites	CPS: Colloidal Particle Synthesis	EWE: Electrowetting and Electrochemistry	MED1: Medical 1	IPB: Interfacial Phase Behavior
15.30	16.00					
16.00	18.00	FC: Functional Coatings	IR: Interfacial Rheology	ICR: Interfaces and Charge Regulation	Cat: Catalysis and Surface Reactions	Env: Environment
18.00	18.30					Poster Session
18.30	20.00		Soundbite session			

23 May 2018

08.00	08.30					
08.30	09.00					
09.00	09.30	Introduction & plenary lecture Jasna Brujic				
09.30	10.00					
10.00	10.30					
10.30	12.30	WRM: Wormlike Micelles	CLI: Colloids at Liquid Interfaces	EPM: Emulsions with polymers and microemulsions	DEP: (De)Wetting and Evaporation Phenomena	PI: Particles at Interfaces
12.30	13.00					
13.00	13.30					
13.30	15.30	SPECIAL SESSION: Lyklema, Platikanov & Exerowa: Three Immortal Names in the History of IACIS and Colloid Science				
15.30	16.00					
16.00	16.30	IACIS General Assembly				
16.30	17.00					

24 May 2018

08.00	08.30					
08.30	09.00					
09.00	09.30	LTAA Ceremony				
09.30	10.00					
10.00	10.30					
10.30	12.30	CCSA: Self-Assembly of Colloidal Complexes	Dyc: Dynamic Colloids	FM: Foams	MLSI: Mechanics and Lubrication of Soft interfaces	WD: Wetting dynamics and dynamic wetting phenomena
12.30	13.00					
13.00	13.30					
13.30	15.30	SMD: Structure meets Dynamics	ECC: Externally Controlled Colloids	GLS: Gels	FP: Functional and Porous Materials	WIR1: Wetting and Interfacial Rheology
15.30	16.00					
16.00	18.00	APS: Applications and Properties of Self- Assembled Systems	FD: Food	LA: Lipid Assemblies	Med2: Medical 2	WIR2: Wetting and Interfacial Rheology

25 May 2018

Time		Rotterdam Hall	Diamond Room I+II	Mees Auditorium	Penn Room I + II	Van Oldenbarnevelt
08.30	09.00					
09.00	09.30	Announcements & plenary lecture Raffaele Mezzenga				
09.30	10.00					
10.00	10.30					
10.30	12.30	RES: Reactive Emulsified Systems	CLC: Colloidal Liquid Crystals	EF&A: Emulsions: Fundamentals and Applications	DLVO: DLVO and non-DLVO Forces	CAS: Chemically Active Systems
12.30	13.00					
13.00	13.30					
13.30	15.30	PC: Printing and Coatings	CC: Colloidal Crystals	EDS: Emulsification, demulsification and stability	SIE: Specific ion effects	Energy: Energy

Abstract submission

Abstract submission per topic	Number of Abstracts per topic
Topic	
Active Soft Matter	19
Surface Forces and Thin Liquid Films	35
Foams, Emulsions and Microemulsions	66
Surfactants and Self-Assembly	76
Fine Particles and Colloidal Dispersions (incl. phase behaviour)	84
Catalysis and Surface Reactions	10
Wetting and Interfacial Rheology	53
Interfacial Electrical Phenomena	19
Biological and Biologically Inspired Systems (incl. biomembranes & lipid bilayers)	43
Applications	60

Date	2018 Rotterdam
4-Sep	0
18-Sep	4
2-Oct	8
16-Oct	10
30-Oct	11
13-Nov	12
27-Nov	17
11-Dec	22
25-Dec	40
8-Jan	66
19-Jan	443
22-Jan	453
Deadline	465
After deadline	468

In total 724 (155 cancelled, 101 drafts and 468 in final submission) abstracts have been submitted via the website.

Poster Prize winners

IACIS2018 had 5 poster prize winners, each one of them won € 200, - incl. VAT. These prizes were sponsored by five companies.

1. **Jennifer Fusier** - New direct measurement of the layer thickness of adsorbed polymer squeezed by an oil droplet
2. **Florian Platten** - Colloidal Dynamics in Random Potential Energy Landscapes
3. **Ke Peng** - Gelled non-toxic bicontinuous microemulsions: a phase behavior study
4. **Vu Duc Huy Nguyen** - Ultrasonication: a new approach for preparation of natural deep eutectic solvents
5. **Ivan Raguzin** - Synthesis and structural characterisation of Barium Titanate Nanocubess

Challenges programme

- Allocation of sessions to specific rooms was not always accurate – smaller session rooms had more visitors than bigger session rooms
- Long conference days and long sessions
- Soundbite session was not well attended; it was a bit jammed between other programme elements because we decided just a few weeks before the conference to add this session.
- Fewer abstracts submitted than expected

Recommendations programme

- Ask in which topics someone is interested during registration to have a better understanding of expected popularity of sessions
- Reduce length session days (on Tuesday from 09.00 – 20.00)
- Reduce the number of oral presentations within a session
- Therefore more poster presentations
- Include a soundbite session from the start, so that it will have a good place in the overall programme. This session gives the opportunity to have an oral presentation, which for many participants is important to get funding to attend the conference.
- Don't extend abstract submission deadline as this did not lead to additional abstracts being submitted

Marketing

Introduction

In this chapter the marketing methods that were used to promote the 16th IACIS conference are presented.

Website

There was a dedicated website in place for the IACIS 2018 Conference: <http://www.iacis2018.org/>.

The website delivered specific information and latest news, full programme details, registration & hotel accommodation, sponsoring & exhibition and social events. The website was reviewed and updated on a regular basis to provide attendees and those interested in the event with the most recent information.

The website and the database was (mutually) linked to the IACIS website (www.iacis.net).



Promotional E-blasts

The main marketing tool used were the promotional E-blasts that were sent out as soon as the registration and abstract submission have gone live, starting on 7 September 2017 and finishing on 5 June 2018. **14** E-blasts were sent out altogether.

The mailing lists consisted of over 5,000 records composed out of different sources:

- Subscribers to the newsletter via the conference website
- Mailing lists from previous congresses
- Members of IACIS
- Contacts from the TU Delft and Wageningen University
- Mailing list of German and Japanese Colloid Society
- Email addresses from research groups active in the field found on the internet

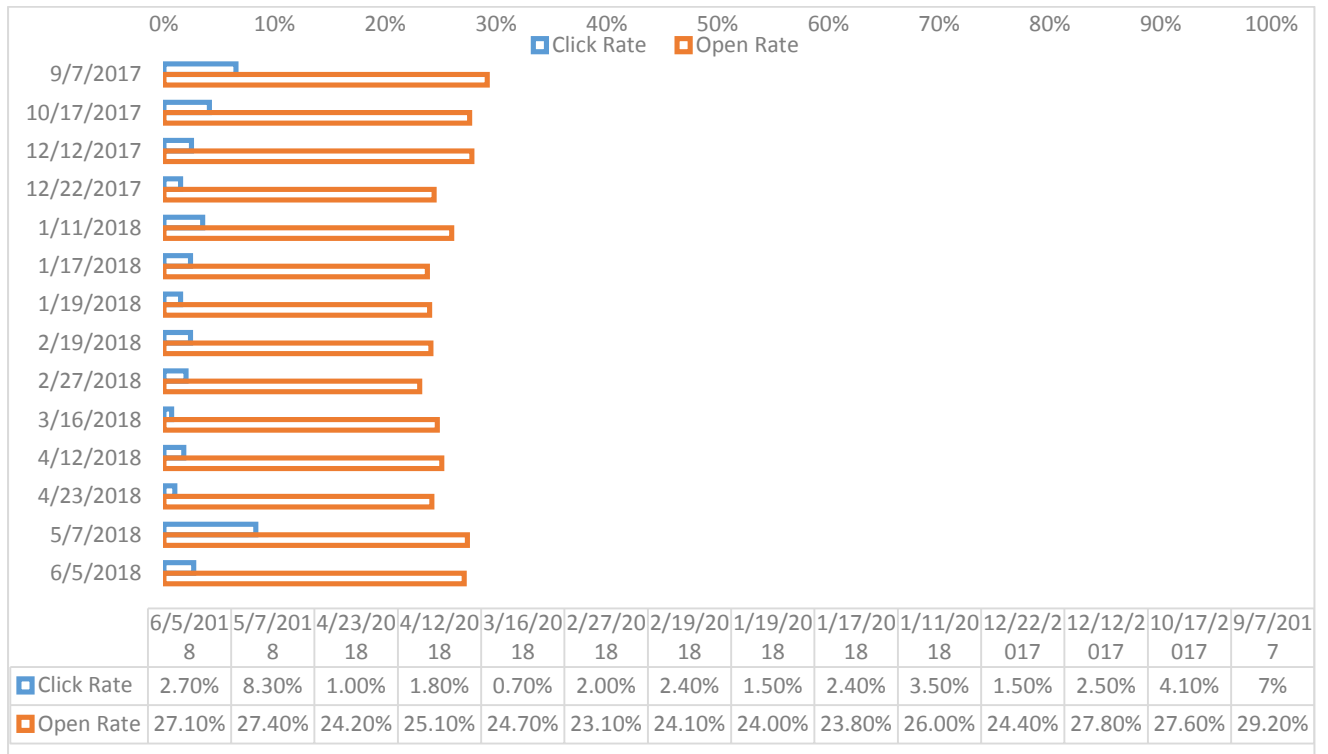
Examples of E-blast subject lines:

- IACIS2018 Registration and abstract submission now available
- IACIS2018 Programme update
- IACIS2018 One day left for early bird registration
- IACIS2018 Breaking news! IACIS2018 presents Soundbite Sessions

Eblasts were sent over a range of different dates and days.

Subject	Date
IACIS2018 Registration and abstract submission now available!	Thursday 7 September
IACIS2018, May 21 - 25 2018, Rotterdam – Programme update & Call for abstracts	Tuesday 17 October
IACIS2018, 21 – 25 May 2018, Rotterdam – newsletter	Tuesday 12 December
IACIS2018, 21 – 25 May 2018, Rotterdam – newsletter	Friday 22 December
IACIS2018 – One week left to submit your abstract	Thursday 11 January
IACIS2018 – One day left to submit abstract	Wednesday 17 January
IACIS2018 – Deadline extended to submit abstract	Friday 19 January
IACIS2018 – Early Bird Registration one week left!	Monday 19 February
IACIS2018 – One day left for early bird registration	Tuesday 27 February
IACIS2018 – Breaking news! IACIS2018 presents: Soundbite Sessions	Friday 16 March
IACIS2018 – Soundbite Session and Delft	Thursday 12 April
IACIS2018 – Five days left to submit your abstract!	Monday 23 April
IACIS2018 – Full conference programme now online	Monday 7 May
IACIS2018 – The conference, thank you!	Tuesday 5 June

Click and Open Rate of each Eblast



Examples of Eblasts



Full conference programme now online

Get prepared for the conference and view the [full programme](#) on the conference website. Browse through the different tabs to view the programme per day, or download the full programme.

Next to the scientific programme, the conference also offers an extensive social programme such as the [Conference Food Festival](#) and the [tour to Royal Delft](#).

[Download full programme](#)

Register before 10 May to benefit from the late registration fee



This is a friendly reminder that the 16th IACIS Conference is quickly approaching. In less than three weeks, this conference will take place in Rotterdam.

Sign up now and benefit from reduced registration fees, valid until **10 May, 2018 CET**. After this deadline, the registration fees will go up.

We look forward to welcoming you to the 16th IACIS Conference from 21 - 25 May 2018 in Rotterdam!

[Register here!](#)

colloids and interfaces

Selected Papers from the 16th Conference of the International Association of Colloid and Interface Scientists (IACIS 2018)

Guest Editors
Dr. Reinhard Miller
Prof. Dr. To Ngai
Prof. Dr. Mieke Kleijn
Prof. Dr. Ger Koper
Deadline
30 September 2018

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Programme update

IACIS2018's programme clearly expresses the synergy between industrial and academic development that always was strong for the field of colloid and interface science. Two keynote lecturers have recently accepted our invitation to present their work during the Applications session in the field of Energy and Environment: Nathalie Tufenkji (McGill, CAN) will focus on graphene sponges for wastewater treatment.



Wiebe de Vos (U-Twente, NL) will explain the development of polyelectrolyte multilayer membranes for micro-pollutant removal from surface and drinking water.

The full programme can be found on the [Conference Website](#).

Register now and win an IACIS2018 t-shirt!

There are only a few more original IACIS2018 t-shirts available. These t-shirts will be awarded to the first 25 registrations that come in. Make sure to register quickly and have a shot at one of these t-shirts!



[Click here to register for the conference](#)

Abstract submission

If you have not submitted your abstract yet, please note that the deadline is fastly approaching. Make sure to submit your abstract before **January 18, 2018, 23.55 CET**.

Abstract can be submitted in the following topics:

- Active soft matter
- Surface Forces and Thin Liquid Films
- Foams, Emulsions and Microemulsions
- Surfactants and Self-Assembly
- Fine Particles and Colloidal Dispersions (incl. phase behaviour)
- Catalysis and Surface Reactions
- Wetting and Interfacial Rheology
- Interfacial Electrical Phenomena
- Biological and Biologically Inspired Systems (incl. biomembranes & lipid

Social Media Campaign

As registrations were lower than expected, MCI offered to setup a complimentary social media campaign via Twitter and Facebook. The posts brought to the attention a range of different programme highlights, as well as promotions for the social events.

As we started so late with the social media campaign, we only had few followers and therefore the campaign was not very successful.

Examples of posts for Twitter include:

IACIS 2018 wishes you a very Happy Easter!

Submit your abstract for poster presentation/contribution at <https://b-com.mci-group.com/AbstractSubmission/IACIS2018.aspx>

Follow:

https://www.facebook.com/escberlin/?ref=br_rs

Curious to see what IACIS 2018 has to offer? Check the website and scroll through the scientific program

Want to learn more about the interesting topics that will be discussed during IACIS 2018? Check the website for more information: <http://www.iacis2018.org/sessions/>

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Promotion during other conferences and meeting

To promote IACIS2018 the chairs of the conference visited ECIS2016 and ECIS2018 (the annual conferences of the European Colloid and Interface Society) in Rome and Madrid, respectively. Posters and flyers were distributed and at ECIS2016 a plenary oral presentation on the conference was given. In the Netherlands flyers were spread at several meetings (for example Chains 2016 and 2017 organized by KNCV/NWO, Soft Matter days).

Challenges Marketing

- Unsure of quality of database
- Low click rates E-blasts
- Low number of followers/friends on Social Media

Recommendations Marketing

- Start social media campaign sooner
- More active involvement of the Committees (LOC, Scientific Committee)
- Involve keynote speakers in promotion of the conference
- Visit more conferences and meetings to promote the conference
- Forward the e-mail personally to important members/associations and ask them to communicate the information with their members

Sponsoring

MCI researched a wide range of potential sponsors for the conference. Leads consisted of **companies, universities and publications** encouraging worldwide support for the conference.

The following sponsor packages were offered:

	Platinum	Silver	Bronze
Number of sqm incl.	18	9	6
Shell scheme booth	√	√	√
Logo printed on staff t-shirts	√		
25-Minutes exclusive product demonstration during lunch (first come, first serve)	√		
Priority space allocation*	1 st	3 rd	4 th
Link on congress website	√	√	√
Pre-mailings to pre-registered delegates	2		
Insert in congress bag	3	1	
Advertisement in program book	Inside front cover	Internal page	½ page internal
Complimentary full delegate registration	5	2	1
Acknowledgement in program book and website	√	√	√
Complimentary crew registration	5	2	2

The conference had the following support:

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Silver Sponsors

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LOT QUANTUM DESIGN



Bronze Sponsors

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FORMULATION

LAUDA SCIENTIFIC

SURFACE MEASUREMENTS SYSTEMS



Other Sponsors

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DSMSOFT MATTER

WAGENINGEN UNIVERSITY & RESEARCH

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BASF

ACS NANO

ELSEVIER

TU DELFT

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Contacted Companies

Accurion GmbH (IACIS 2015)	Q-Sense / Biolin Scientific (ecis 2016)
AkzoNobel	REE-Cycle
Alfa Laval	Royal Herkel
Anton Paar GmbH (staat in de Sponsor Overview IACIS 2015)	SABIC
ASML (staat in de Sponsor Overview)	SAXSLAB (91st Colloid and Surface Science Symposium US)
Asylum Research	ScienTec
Asylum Research (Europe) (IACIS 2015)	Scientific & Medical Products (SciMed) (UK Colloids 2017)
BASF	Shell (staat in de Sponsor Overview)
BioNavis Ltd (91st Colloid and Surface Science Symposium US)	Springer
Benelux Scientific BV	STInstruments
BP	Surface Measurements Systems
Bruker - Nano Surfaces Division (staat in de Sponsor Overview)	Surfix B.V.
Bruker	TA Instruments
CRODA	TaTa Steel
CSInstruments	Teclis Scientific (ECIS 2016)
DataPhysics Instruments GmbH (IACIS 2015)	Thermo Fisher Scientific
De Gruyter	TNO
Deltares	Unilever (staat in de Sponsor Overview)
DOW Chemical	Ursa BioScience LLC
Enzo Life Sciences	Wetsus
Elsevier (staat in de Sponsor Overview)	Xenocs SAS (ECIS 2016 & 2017)
ExxonMobil	Xigo Nanotools
DGF	Provincie Zuid-Holland
Fluor	Gemeente Rotterdam
Friesland Campina (staat in de Sponsor Overview)	Wageningen University & Research
Formulaction (ECIS 2016)	Delft University of Technology
Fujifilm Manufacturing Europe B.V.	4TU
Infineum (UK Colloids 2017)	VLAG Graduate School, Wageningen
Jacobs Engineering	Food Valley
JPK Instruments	Brookhaven Instruments Corp. (Anaspec Solutions BV)
JSB	Malvern Instruments Ltd ACS 2016
KRÜSS GmbH (IACIS 2015)	Postnova Analytics GmbH
Lauda Scientific (UK Colloids 2017)	Showa Denko Europe GmbH
l'Oreal	CPS Instruments Europe (2009 acs/iacis congress)
LOT-QuantumDesign GmbH (IACIS 2015)	Colloidal Dynamics, LLC (2009 acs/iacis congress)
LS Instruments	QUANTACHROME (2009 acs/iacis congress)
LubISS	SINTERFACE Technologies e.k. (2009 acs/iacis congress)
LUM GmbH (ECIS 2017)	Beckman Coulter, Inc. (2009 acs/iacis congress)
Magaleka (UK Colloids 2017)	Particle Sizing Systems
MDPI	Wyatt Technology Corp. ACS 2016
Metrohm	Solvey ACS 2014
Mettler Toledo	VisiTech International Ltd. ACS 2014
NanoAndMore GmbH (IACIS 2015)	Analix Scientific Instruments (Belgian Particle, Colloid & Interface Society)
NanoScale Biomagnetics (UK Colloids 2017)	Tereos Starch & Sweeteners Europe (Belgian Particle, Colloid & Interface Society)
Nanomagnetics Instruments (2016)	Microfluidics (SALM EN KIPP) (Belgian Particle, Colloid & Interface Society)
NaugaNeedles	Sympatec GmbH (Belgian Particle, Colloid & Interface Society)
Newfoss	Bekaert (Belgian Particle, Colloid & Interface Society)
NT-MDT (IACIS 2015)	Ankersmid Netherlands (Belgian Particle, Colloid & Interface Society)
Omicron/Oxford	Impacts (Belgian Particle, Colloid & Interface Society)
POROTEC GmbH (IACIS 2015)	DISTRILAB LABORATORY & PROCESS B.V. (Belgian Particle, Colloid & Interface Society)

Contracted Companies

Company	Total
Firmenich	€ 1,000
DSM	€ 5,000
Nutricia	€ 1,000
ACS Publications	€ 2,500
Elsevier	€ 500
Givaudan	€ 1,000
TU Delft Chemical Engineering	€ 3,000
Formulation	€ 2,000
Anton Paar Benelux	€ 3,750
Langmuir	€ 1,000
BASF	€ 4,000
4-TU	€ 1,000
Benelux Scientific	€ 3,500
Systemex - 1	€ 11,000
Lauda scientific	€ 2,500
STFCA	€ 2,893
Surface Measurements	€ 2,500
LOT Quantum Design	€ 3,500
Accurion	€ 2,500
Springer	€ 500
Carl Hanser	€ 300

Challenges

- Difficult to find funding
- Companies willing to invest only small amounts of money; we did not find a really big partner
The scope of the IACIS conferences is quite broad; some sponsors prefer a more specialized, focussed meeting in their field

Recommendations

- Visibility at other conferences and possibility to exhibit at competitor meetings
- Establish collaborations/partnerships with local associations, media and allied organisations for future IACIS events.

Registration

Introduction

In total **515 participants + 54 volunteers** registered for the conference. See below a breakdown of the various categories and their respective fee.

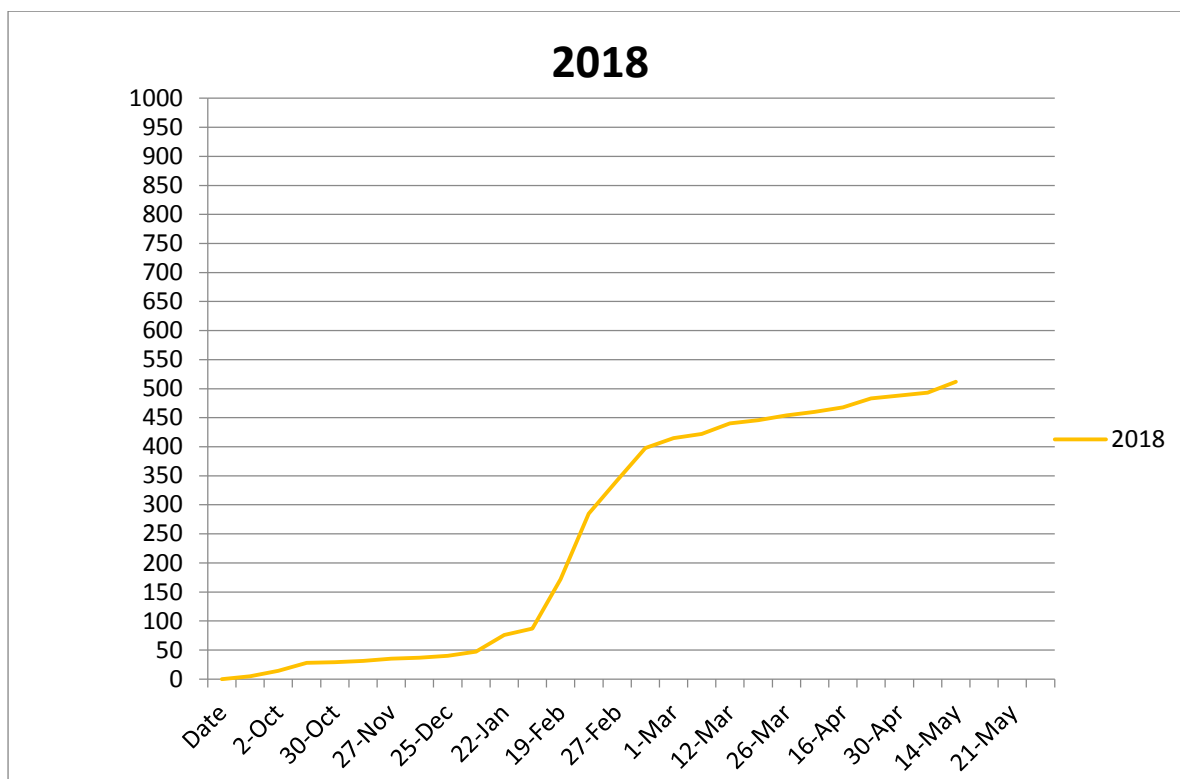
Initially the goal was to reach at least 800 delegates.

Registration item		Fee per item	FINAL
Complimentary registration	Guest	€ 0.00	6
	Plenary Speaker	€ 0.00	3
Conference registration	Complimentary full delegate registration	€ 18.00	18
	IACIS Member	€ 600.00	174
		€ 680.00	23
		€ 715.00	2
	IACIS Member-Student fee	€ 340.00	134
		€ 400.00	22
	Invited Speaker	€ 600.00	12
		€ 680.00	1
	Local Organizing Committee	€ 600.00	8
		€ 680.00	1
		€ 740.00	43
	Non-Member	€ 760.00	24
€ 810.00		1	
€ 600.00		23	
Day Pass	Day pass Friday	€ 170.00	1
	Day pass Thursday	€ 170.00	2
Exhibitor Crew	Exhibitor Crew	€ 0.00	17
Staff	Volunteer	€ 0.00	54

From the 515 participants 180 did not specify their gender during the registration process. From the participants that did specify their gender, 115 were female (34%) and 220 were male (66%).

Registration Evolution

The graphs below show the registration evolution. The early bird registration deadline was set at 28 February so can see the peak close to that date.



Countries

Argentina	1	Israel	9
Australia	8	Italy	12
Austria	2	Japan	41
Bahamas	1	Kazakhstan	2
Belgium	10	Korea, Republic	2
Brazil	3	Mexico	2
Bulgaria	10	Moldavia	1
Canada	20	Netherlands	125
Chile	3	Norway	1
China	22	Pakistan	2
Croatia	2	Poland	10
Cyprus	1	Portugal	2
Czech Republic	1	Romania	2
Denmark	2	Russia	11
Egypt	1	Saudi Arabia	1
Finland	4	Singapore	2
France	35	Spain	7
Germany	83	Sweden	14
Ghana	4	Switzerland	16
Hong Kong	1	Turkey	1
Hungary	1	United Kingdom	42
India	5	USA	13

Social Events

WELCOME RECEPTION – MONDAY 21 MAY 2018

- Approximately 450 participants attended the event.
- Included in conference fee for all delegates of the IACIS Conference.

EXCURSION: TOUR ROYAL DELFT – WEDNESDAY 23 MAY 2018

- Number of participants: 17
- Optional for delegates IACIS Conference: €50

Royal Delft is the last remaining earthenware factory from the 17th century. Here the renowned Delft Blue is still entirely hand painted according to centuries-old tradition.

At the Royal Delft Experience the delegates discovered the complete history and production process of Royal Delftware.

The program was as follows:

14:15 – 14:30 Pick-up in front of the WTC Conference Centre in Rotterdam

14:30 – 15:00 Transfer to Royal Blue

15:00 – 15:30 Welcome with coffee/tea and cake

15:30 – 17:00 Tour including seeing the craftsman at work

17:00 – 17:30 Transfer to Rotterdam

CONFERENCE FOOD FESTIVAL IN DELFT – THURSDAY 24 MAY 2018

- Number of participants: 265
- Optional for delegates IACIS Conference: €30 pre-sale / €50 onsite fee

During the Conference Food Festival, multiple food and drink stands were situated in & around Museum het Prinsenhof in Delft. No seated dinner but an informal evening with different bites and drinks accompanied by musical entertainment, like Dr. Picken's Electric Cabinet and a walking jazz band.

The price included vouchers for 3 drinks and 3 dishes at one of the stands. Additional vouchers could be purchased at the festival.

Gender balance at IACIS2018

The IACIS2018 Organising Committee strived to achieve gender balance in all aspects of the conference. Such a balance is important, not only because women and men should have equal opportunities, but also for the progress of science by drawing on all available talent and maximizing the potential in creativity and innovation.

In recent decades the gender balance in the pool of higher education graduates has been growing steadily. Now approximately half of the PhD students in the world is female (47 percent in the EU); however, in total the proportion of women researchers is still only 28 percent. We are convinced that the visibility of female scientists is very important for motivating young women to pursue their career in science also after finishing their PhD. (Sources: UNESCO Institute of Statistics, SHE FIGURES 2015 (EU).)

We endeavored to achieve gender balance in our committees, plenary lectures, keynote and oral presentations:

- In the IACIS2018 Local Organizing Committee 3 out of the 9 committee members were female, while in the Scientific Committee this ratio was 14 out of 36.
- Two of the three plenary lectures were presented by women and overall 34% of the oral presentations was given by female speakers.

Conclusion

The conference was a great success. The IACIS conference allowed crossing borders between scientific areas and getting inspired by neighboring fields. To gain an overview and make connections, the conference was restricted to five parallel sessions. All sessions were well attended, even at the last day of the conference. Participants tended to stay at the conference site and did not swarm across the city during conference hours, which allowed for finding friends, making new contacts and have lively discussions during the breaks. We received only positive feedback from participants on the scientific programme and the overall organization.

For future IACIS conferences we have the following recommendations:

- Since the number of conferences targeting the same audience is high and still increasing, do not set too high the number of participants needed to financially break-even. Be as flexible as possible.
- When the IACIS Conference will be held in Europe again, work together with ECIS - if possible organize one IACIS/ECIS conference, because they have exactly the same target group. It could also help to increase the number of exhibitors and sponsors.