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A warm welcome from the Division of Nuclear and Radiochemistry (DNRC) of EuCheMS

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DNRC is one of 18 divisions or working parties that form the European Association of Chemical and Molecular Sciences (EuCheMS), founded in 2004. EuCheMS is an umbrella organisation of European National Chemical Societies promoting the outreach of chemical science and technology to our society as well as to all relevant political organisations. Therefore, the headquarter of EuCheMS is in Brussels.

DNRC represents the field of nuclear sciences in EuCheMS in its manifold facets, from basic research to a broad field of applications. EuCheMS organizes a congress every second year; the last one was very recently between 26 and 31 August 2012 in Prague (4ECC).

DNRC contributed to 4ECC with three sessions, namely on i) Fukushima & Chernobyl, ii) Applications of Radiotracers to Environmental Sciences; and iii) Speciation of (mostly) Actinide Compounds. These three sessions were part of a Symposium on Chemistry and Environment.

Each division of EuCheMS has the obligation to organize a European conference in its field every second year. DNRC decided to take already existing conference series to meet this requirement, the Nuclear and Radiochemistry Conferences (NRC) and the Radiochemistry Conference Series (RadChem) organized by our Czech colleagues in Mariánské Lázně. Both Conferences Series are organized every four years.

NRC was initiated in 1984 by Prof. K.H. Lieser from Germany. Since then it was hosted by France, England, Austria, Switzerland, Germany and Hungary. We are very happy that our Italian Radiochemistry colleagues invited NRC8 to be held in their home country. We are looking forward to a stimulating and scientifically challenging conference discussing the forefront achievements in nuclear chemistry and in radiochemistry in the beautiful environment of Como.

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