

XX Congress of the International Union of Crystallography  
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The XX IUCR Congress was held this year in Florence – the cradle of renaissance. The scientific program was vast during the 8 days of the congress and included all the fields of crystallography. The presentations were organized in parallel keynote lectures and topic based microsymbosia. In addition to the lectures, 250 posters were presented each day. In the congress hall it was possible to get familiar with the latest technology with the commercial exhibitors of the field.

Personally I found the information regarding new techniques and the latest software development most valuable. Also the congress gave a nice view how other research laboratories around the world are proceeding and naturally gave a nice overview of the “hot macromolecular structures” of 2005.

More information including the abstracts can be found at the congress website:  
<http://www.iucr2005.it/>

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