

Conference visit abstract

The Combined
XII Spring Meeting of the Division of Synthetic Chemistry
and
XXXIII Finnish NMR Symposium
June 7th-10th 2011, Laajavuori, Jyväskylä
<http://syn-nmr2011.jyu.fi/NMR/index.htm>

This year, the XXXIII Finnish NMR Symposium was held in Jyväskylä, joint with Spring Meeting of Synthetic Chemistry. The meeting is the biggest national NMR conference, this year attracting over 110 participants, many of them from abroad. I presented my recent results in a poster titled "Combining Dynamic Models to Improve the Prediction of Protein Chemical Shifts".

The main scopes of the NMR symposium were chiral NMR and solid state NMR. Many presentations were also from outside of these fields. Unfortunately, there were only few presentations (oral and poster) considering protein NMR. However, the presentations gave me some basic knowledge of NMR phenomena not so familiar to me, like chemical shift tensors. To me, most interesting talks were given by Prof. Ricardo Riquera, talking about absolute configuration assignment, and Prof. Anthony P. Davis with his two clear and enthusiastic talks considering supramolecular chemistry.

Evidently, the scope of this conference was strongly oriented towards small molecules. However, some interest towards my poster was raised. Although my work is far from synthetic chemistry field, I think it was worth attending both symposia as there were interesting and well-prepared presentations also in the synthetic part.

This was the 6th time I attended the Finnish NMR symposium and like always, the meeting was a very social and relaxed event. Many fruitful conversations took place during the poster sessions and in the social events during the nights. Again, the symposium was well organized and worth visiting also in the future.

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