

The 9th International School on the Crystallography of Biological Macromolecules

September 29th-October 3rd, 2008, Como, Italy

The 9th international school on the crystallography of biological macromolecules was arranged in Como, in northern Italy on the shores of Lake Como. Como is a lively small town with a charming historical center and numerous cafes and restaurants. In Como it is possible to visit in the imposing Gothic-Renaissance cathedral or take the funicular to the village of Brunate, 720m above Como, and enjoy the beautiful views of the lake and the Alps.

The school was held in Societa del Casino, a suite of rooms in the Teatro Sociale in the center of Como and it concentrated on the applications and latest developments of X-ray crystallography. The school included seminars about new structures, demonstrations about structure determination and model building software and numerous lectures kept by leading scientist of the field. The topics of these lectures were protein expression and purification, crystallization, data collection and processing, synchrotron sources, phasing, phase improvement, model building, refinement and finally analysis of structural data.



The crystallography school was extremely informative and gave me a good general view of current topics in the field of X-ray crystallography. I would like to thank ISB for the travel grant.

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