

# BioCrys2008 – Fundamentals of Modern Methods in Biocrystallography

'What you always wanted to know about crystallography but never dared to ask'

October 4<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup> , 2008, Oeiras, Portugal

4<sup>th</sup> BioCrys course was arranged by Thomas Schneider and Maria Carrondo. We were living very close to Atlantic Ocean. Weather was still almost like in summer at beginning of October. We had change to go to beach before sun rise or after sun set so we did not have change to burn our skin. We had one free afternoon when we had change to go either to Lisbon or to historical city Sintra which is UNESCO World Heritage Site. I visited in Sintra at two castles.



<http://www.fotosearch.com/photos-images/pena-castle.html>

Pena Palace



<http://www.traveladventures.org/continents/europe/moorish-castle.shtml>



Moorish Castle

Course was held in the Instituto de Tecnologia Quimica e Biologica, Oeiras, Portugal. There were mostly excellent speakers who can explain physical things so that bio-researchers can get at least hint how difficult things really go. There were eight long days time to explain all important things about protein X-ray crystallography. Lectures and tutorials were in good balance. One very good part was when students had change to ask “burning questions” and experts explained them. I got some very important new practical tips and better understanding for difficult physical things. I can recommend this course for all bio-crystallographers if this course is arranged again year 2010.



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