

The XXIX Finnish NMR Symposium

Herrankukkaro, Rymättylä, June 13-15, 2007.

The national Finnish NMR symposium was organised by the University of Turku and Åbo Akademi University and their joint Instrument centre. The focus of the conference was small molecules and natural products and NMR in pharmacy, with several distinguished speakers invited, including prof. Guido Pauli and prof. Robin Harris. As the symposium also focused on giving young researchers the possibility to present their results, the overall span of the meeting was broad. The final day focussed on computational methods for predicting NMR parameters. I contributed with a talk and a poster.

A key part of the meeting was networking and socializing. The unique settings of Herrankukkaro allowed this in an effective manner, with steamboat sailing and smoke saunas. An interesting feature was structure elucidation contest for young scientists arranged by Dr. Oberer from Novartis. The winner was granted a research internship at the NMR structure group at Novartis.

The output and feedback of the conference was good and new ideas for testing proposed. Next years meeting will be held in Helsinki.

The website of the meeting can be seen on <http://users.utu.fi/pingman/NMRsymp07/program.html>

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