

It is a distinct pleasure to acknowledge and congratulate the highly successful SACS2012 Conference, Gauteng, May 2012!

I am sure I speak on behalf of all participants in expressing our sincere gratitude to Sylvia Paul, the organizing committee and to Scatterlings for a very well organized, and executed conference – as indeed always when in the hands of Scatterlings, whose professionalism and dedication to perfection is simply world class.

I was particularly impressed by the high scientific level of very many contributions. This conference presented a valuable state-of-the-art exposition of applied chemometrics and sampling in South Africa, of interest to many, also outside S.A. It was very satisfying to see that nearly all participants invested their full time for the entire conference, a necessary prerequisite in order to foster and build a strong professional network for all of South Africa.

I was delighted to be able to participate in the general SACS meeting, at which a new board was elected, clearly consisting of very dedicated and willing members, intent on furthering the important role and work of SACS. I salute the new board and wishes it all the best in its future endeavors.

I was particularly happy to be able to convey heartfelt greetings from SACS' sister organization, the Russian Chemometrics Society (RCS).

It is to be hope that the future will see more collaborative efforts between RCS and SACS.

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