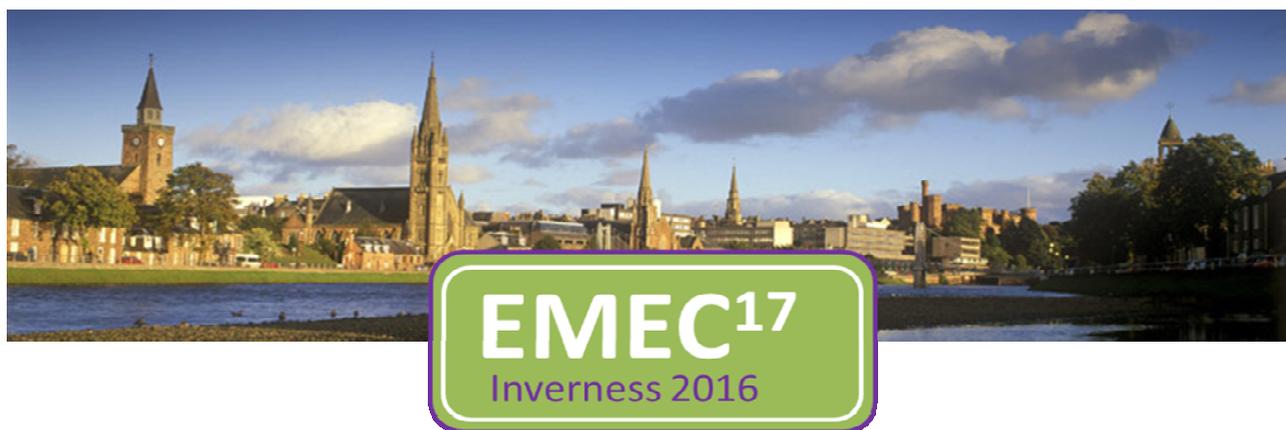


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Eden Court Theatre, Inverness, Scotland, UK 30 November – 2 December 2016

Dear colleagues,

On behalf of the Organising Committee, it is my great pleasure to invite you to Inverness, Scotland to participate in the 17th European Meeting on Environmental Chemistry (EMEC17) from the 30th of November to 2nd of December 2016.

The EMEC is organised annually on behalf of the Association of Chemistry and the Environment (ACE). It traditionally comprises a broad range of topics within the field of environmental chemistry and interdisciplinary presentations are very welcome.



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The EMEC meeting always attracts high quality science presentations and keynote talks from internationally renowned researchers working in environmental chemistry and related fields.

EMEC17 will provide a wide forum for the exchange of ideas on recent advances in research and development in environmental chemistry and technology, for people from academia, research and industry. Contributions are invited in the following areas:

- Soil chemistry, including contamination and remediation technologies
- Water chemistry including pollution, treatment, reuse, marine and freshwater chemistry
- Atmospheric chemistry including air pollution, transport and modelling
- Environmental processes and reactions
- Ecotoxicology and biomarkers
- Green chemistry and green technologies
- Waste management and recycling
- Analytical methods for environmental science
- Food chemistry
- Emerging contaminants
- Sustainable development, life cycle assessment, risk assessment

In addition to the main conference, delegates may also have opportunities to attend half-day 'special sessions' on nominated contemporary topics and to attend an intensive one-day training programme on "Lipidomics for environmental scientists": Further information to follow.

EMEC17 will also feature a full social programme including conference dinner and ceilidh and afternoon trip that will allow delegates to experience some of the culture, food and drink of the Highlands and Islands of Scotland.

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EMEC17 location and venue

The main science programme of EMEC17 will be held at Eden Court Theatre in Inverness.

Inverness is the self-proclaimed "Capital of the Highlands" of Scotland. It sits on the banks of the River Ness just to the north of Loch Ness (best known for the sightings of the legendary Loch Ness Monster, "Nessie") and has been a natural focus for lines of communication to and through the Highlands for most of the last two thousand years.

Inverness is Scotland's smallest and 'newest' city (being granted city status by the Queen in December 2000). It is a bustling city with a compact and attractive centre. The River Ness provides a focus with the castle, cathedral and the Eden Court Theatre all to be found on its banks, together with some of the city's many restaurants, hotels and bed and breakfasts.

Further information on Inverness and the Highlands region may be found at sites such as www.visitscotland.com, www.inverness-scotland.com and www.explore-inverness.com.

EMEC17 Hosts

EMEC17 will be hosted by the Environmental Research Institute (ERI). The ERI has a vision "to be internationally recognised for distinctive and innovate environmental science", and has a rapidly evolving research profile and provides a high quality, vibrant research environment in the Highlands of Scotland. The ERI has become a focus for promoting excellence in research in the region, and works with stakeholder, commercial, academic and educational organisations alike.

The ERI is part of the North Highland College, one of the partners in the University of the Highlands and Islands (UHI). UHI provides access to undergraduate and postgraduate study and research opportunities through a distinctive partnership of 13 colleges and research institutions. Each institution has its own character and contributes to the distinctiveness of the University. Research is promoted through various centres across the region such as the ERI and includes established activity in the environmental and marine sciences.

I very much hope that you will join us for EMEC17 and look forward to welcoming you to Inverness to enjoy the scientific programme and social events.



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