



On 16 October 2003 the Belgian CE-Users group within the Royal Flemish Chemical Society (KVCV) Analytical Division successfully organized the Fifth CE Users Group Meeting covering “CE-MS in Pharmaceutical Development and Medical Protein Research”. This event was held at Janssen Pharmaceutica N.V. (Beerse-Belgium). Being a joint initiative of industrial partners together with academia and equipment vendors, the meeting aimed to discuss the status and usefulness of the CE-MS technique in the pharmaceutical industry and in the field of proteomics. The event welcomed more than 90 participants, with 45 delegates from out of Belgium.

The programme started with a morning session on pharmaceutical development applications. To stimulate interactions between attendees a poster session was included. Several vendors demonstrated their relevant products on CE technology. The afternoon session concentrated on bio-applications with special focus on proteomics. The meeting ended with a farewell drink sponsored by Janssen Pharmaceutica N.V. The keen interest of scientists in the capabilities of CE in general but CE-MS technology in particular has clearly been shown. More detailed information can be obtained from the Symposium Chairman Dr. Ilias Jimidar ([ijimidar@prdbe.jnj.com](mailto:ijimidar@prdbe.jnj.com)).

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