

**Marine and Freshwater Toxins Analysis**  
**First Joint Symposium and AOAC Task Force Meeting**  
**Baiona, Spain April 11-14, 2005**



With great pleasure the University of Vigo, Spain, AOAC Int., AOAC Research Inst., and AOAC Europe Section invite you to join us for *Marine and Freshwater Toxins Analysis: 1st Joint Symposium and AOAC Task Force Meeting*, on April 11-14, 2005

**Overview** - The symposium will address new developments and validation efforts in the analysis of marine and freshwater toxins, as a joint meeting with the AOAC Task Force on Marine and Freshwater Toxins. A variety of methods needs, for saxitoxins, domoic acids, ciguatoxins, yessotoxins, diarrhetic toxins, cyanobacterial toxins, and others will be discussed in presentations and subgroup meetings. Presentations and discussions of methods and validation will also address special needs of the community from toxin monitoring to new concerns in the intentional contamination of food and water.

**Scientific Committee** - Ana Gago-Martinez [anagago@uvigo.es](mailto:anagago@uvigo.es) (Symposium Chair)  
James.Hungerford@fda.gov (Task Force Chair) Margreet Lauwaars, James Lawrence, Alfredo Montes Nino, Jose Antonio Rodriguez-Vasquez, Takeshi Yasumoto

**Sponsors** - The principle sponsor is the University of Vigo, Spain, home to the Department of Analytical and Food Chemistry. Other sponsors are AOAC Int., the AOAC Research Institute, and AOAC Europe Section.

**Venue** - Is the Talaso Atlantico, a high quality hotel with very impressive conference facilities located near Baiona and Vigo in the Galicia region of northwestern Spain. In addition to being the largest European producer of mussels, shellfish-rich Galicia is also a very beautiful and historic area. To make arrangements please contact Zaira Rodriguez Vicente at [congresos@abramar.com](mailto:congresos@abramar.com) using email subject heading "BiotoxinsApril2005" or Tel ++ 34 986 447060, Fax ++ 34 986 449717.

**Featured speakers** - Tore Aune, Luis Botana, Robert Dickey, Kevin James, James Lawrence, Michael Quilliam, Jose Antonio Rodriguez-Vasquez, Benjamin Suarez-Isla, Toshiyuki Suzuki, Aurelia Tubaro, and Takeshi Yasumoto (as of Dec 2004). In addition to the keynote talks, many contributed papers, both oral and in posters will allow additional opportunities to learn of and discuss state-of-the art detection methods.

**Unique Opportunities** to presenters and attendees by holding the Symposium jointly with Task Force meetings:

- **Observe or participate in the activities of focused subgroups in specific toxin areas.** Subgroups have proven to be the most effective means of developing methodology needs and validation strategies. Symposium presenters and attendees are welcome to attend.
- **Participate in a forum with international members of the seafood industry, their associations, and also regulatory agencies.** These stakeholders, who are the ultimate users and/or benefactors of the analytical methodology, will also find that the symposium and Task Force can be used to express their needs.
- **Participate in the Marine and Freshwater Toxins Task Force.** Contribute to this new international group that fosters the development and validation of powerful and practical methods for toxin analysis, and greater availability of toxin standards.

**Abstracts due by January 30, 2005.** For updated information please consult the Task Force web site at [http://www.aoac.org/marine\\_toxins/task\\_force.htm#Overview](http://www.aoac.org/marine_toxins/task_force.htm#Overview) regarding Abstracts, Call for Papers (not only from chemists!), Accommodations, Registration, etc. and information on the Task Force.