

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 invites you to join us for *Marine and Freshwater Toxins Analysis: 1st Joint Symposium and AOAC Task Force Meeting*, on April 11-14, 2005



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The symposium will address new developments and validation efforts in the analysis of marine and freshwater toxins, and is held as a joint meeting with the AOAC Task Force on Marine and Freshwater Toxins. The conference program is planned to maximize interaction between the Symposium and the Task Force- Presentations will address special needs of the community from toxin monitoring to new concerns in the intentional contamination of food and water.

Principle sponsor and conference venue is the University of Vigo, in new on-site conference facilities. AOAC Int. and the AOAC Research Institute are also sponsoring the meetings. The University, home to the Department of Analytical and Food Chemistry, is 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.

The joint Symposium and Task Force meetings (program is in preparation) will offer unique opportunities to presenters and attendees:

- **Symposium keynote talks, contributed talks, and posters allow opportunities to learn about, present, and discuss state-of-the art detection methods**
- **Learn more about the Marine and Freshwater Toxins Task Force** and how to contribute to this new and exciting effort to foster the development and validation of powerful and practical methods for toxin analysis, and greater availability of toxin standards.
- **Participate in a forum to 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.
- **Observe or participate in the activities of focused subgroups in the areas of saxitoxins, diarrhetic toxins, yessotoxins, domoic acid, and others.** Subgroups have proven to be the most effective means of developing methodology needs and validation strategies. Symposium presenters and attendees are welcome to attend.

Abstracts are due January 30, 2005 (Requirements) Registration is *not* via AOAC (Fees and Dates)