

A Short History of QSCP Meetings

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The roots and development of QSCP meetings are recalled. From a congress organized in 1986 in Paris to do honor to Pr Daudel, through Franco-Bulgarian cooperation with Rossen Pavlov, Yavor Delchev and Peter Raychev, then European contracts in the frame of *PECO* and *COST* projects involving a network of French, Spanish, British, Italian, Swedish, and Bulgarian scientists, to the organization of the first QSCP workshop by Roy McWeeny in 1996 in Pisa to do honor to Stefan Christov. Since then there was a meeting every year, whose proceedings have all been published:

1 – QSCP-I: San Miniato / Pisa (Italy), April 1996; main local organizer: Roy McWeeny; proceedings published in ‘Topics in Molecular Organization & Engineering’ (Kluwer).

2 – QSCP-II: Jesus College, Oxford (England), April 1997; main local organizer: Stephen Wilson; proceedings published in ‘Advances in Quantum Chemistry’ (Plenum).

3 – QSCP-III: Alixares Hotel, Granada (Spain), April 1998; main local organizer: Alfonso Hernandez-Laguna; proceedings published in ‘PTCP’ (Kluwer).

4 – QSCP-IV: Marly-le-Roi / Paris (France), April 1999; main local organizer: Jean Maruani; proceedings published in ‘PTCP’ (Kluwer).

5 – QSCP-V: Uppsala (Sweden), April 2000; main local organizer: Erkki Brändas; proceedings published in ‘Advances in Quantum Chemistry’ (Plenum). This is where, at the end of the century (and millennium), the Prize of CMOA was created and announced.

6 – QSCP-VI: Boyana Palace, Sofia (Bulgaria), April 2001; main local organizer: Alia Tadjer; proceedings published in ‘IJQC’ (Wiley). This is where, at the beginning of a new century (and millennium), the Prize of CMOA was awarded for the first time.

7 – QSCP-VII: Bratislava (Slovakia), September 2002; main local organizer: Ivan Hubac; proceedings published in ‘IJQC’ (Wiley). This year, the Prize of CMOA was awarded both at the QSCP-VII workshop and the ICTCP-IV congress (Marly-le-Roi, July 2002)

8 – QSCP-VIII: Spetses Island / Athens (Greece), September 2003; main local organizer: Aristides Mavridis; proceedings published in ‘IJQC’ (Wiley).

9 – QSCP-IX: Les Houches / Grenoble (France), September 2004; main local organizer: Jean-Pierre Julien; proceedings published in ‘PTCP’ (Springer).

10 – QSCP-X: The Tunisian Academy, Carthage (Tunisia), September 2005; main local organizer: Souad Lahmar; proceedings published in ‘PTCP’ (Springer).

11 – QSCP-XI: Pushkin / St Petersburg (Russia), August 2006; main local organizer: Oleg Vasyutinskii; proceedings published in ‘IJQC’ (Wiley).

12 – QSCP-XII: Royal Holloway College / Windsor (UK), September 2007; main local organizer: Stephen Wilson; proceedings being published in ‘PTCP’ (Springer).

13 – QSCP-XIII: MSU / Lansing, MI (USA), July 2008; main local organizer: Piotr Piecuch; proceedings to be published in ‘PTCP’ (Springer).

14 – QSCP-XIV: It is the tradition of QSCP meetings not to disclose the venue of the next meeting before the banquet dinner, after the ceremony of award of the Prize of CMOA. But believe it, it will be an exciting place again!

This historical overview will be presented as an illustrated journey in picturesque cities of Western and Eastern Europe, sprinkled with anecdotes, surprising shortcuts and philosophical insights. A number of memorable photographs will be shown.