

## FEATURE

# 7<sup>th</sup> Uruguayan Congress of Analytical Chemistry (CUQA 7)

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The Uruguayan Congress of Analytical Chemistry (CUQA) celebrated its 7<sup>th</sup> edition last October 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> in Montevideo, Uruguay. It was organized by researchers from the Faculty of Chemistry and Faculty of Sciences, Universidad de la República (UdelaR), and supported by the Area of Technologies and Sciences of Nature and Habitat of UdelaR. Since 2009, when the first CUQA was organized, the event has traditionally been held every 2 years. In 2012, it was organized together with the 5<sup>th</sup> Ibero-American Congress of Analytical Chemistry (CIAQA). All editions have been held in Montevideo, a reference destination in Latin America. Throughout the year, the city offers visitors a varied cultural and recreational agenda, quality services, and captivating landscapes. Montevideo is a recognized venue for organizing international conferences of various kinds.



Members of the Organizing Committee at the welcome ceremony of the 7<sup>th</sup> CUQA.

CUQA's main goal was to present and discuss the latest advances in Analytical Chemistry in Uruguay and the region. In this edition, plenty of topics were covered including Automation in Analytical Chemistry, Bioanalytical Chemistry, Education in Analytical Chemistry, Analytical Nanosystems, Environmental Analytical Chemistry, Food Analytical Chemistry, Pharmaceutical Analytical Chemistry, Toxicological Analytical Chemistry, and Electroanalytical Chemistry. The 7<sup>th</sup> CUQA had approximately 200 participants from all around the country, as well as 40 foreign participants from Argentina, Brazil, Chile, and Perú.

In this edition, 9 sessions with 7 lectures, 18 oral presentations, 2 poster sessions (110 poster presentations), and several social integration activities were held. The meeting also presented a panel discussion session entitled "Analytical Chemistry in Environmental Mitigation", which was led by various experts on the subject. It is important to mention that the 7<sup>th</sup> CUQA provided 2 days for exposition of

