

ECTN AND THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: ECHEM TEST IN TESTING CENTRES AND INTERNET BASED APPLICATION

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Information technologies are certainly part of the major improvements of the 21st century, as was the first printing technology, developed by Gutenberg in the 15th century. Clearly it is a tool, which can be used to ease the communication and dissemination activities.

The European Chemistry Thematic Network is using also this technology to develop the “EChemTest”, as an evaluation tool, dedicated to student’s mobility and chemistry knowledge assessment and evaluation. The ECTN network is composed of over 160 European institutions, supported by the European Commission funding and by its non-profit and self-sustained association “ECTNA”.

Among others, ECTN also has set working groups, oriented to brainstorming activities towards student’s employability, to help new university teachers in chemistry, to work on innovative technology, etc., providing education reports and studies at European level, oriented to the chemistry education in the context of the European higher education area. And one of the major activity developed by the ECTNA, approved by the EuCheMS, is the Eurobachelor® and Euromaster labels; Accreditation with Quality labels in chemistry (www.eurobachelor.eu) are awarded to Universities following the Bologna process.

In the first edition of this ICT conference to be held in Krakow, I will briefly introduce the ECTN and emphasize the presentation of EChemTest. And thanks to the active support of the local Polish team, it will be my great pleasure to officially inaugurate the first Polish Testing Centre at the Jagiellonian University of Krakow.

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