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History of ISIC Conferences

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This biennial conference series dates back to 1981. It was initiated during the “Cold War” as an interactive forum for exchanges between scientists from Eastern Bloc countries and those from the West. Since the end of the Cold War the conference has attracted increasing international interest, but has continued to be hosted exclusively in former Eastern Bloc countries. At ISIC-11 (Kiev, 2007) the International Advisory Committee of the series decided unanimously to break with tradition and expressed their wish for future conferences to be hosted anywhere in the world. Professor Barbour’s bid to host the next meeting in South Africa was met with great enthusiasm and it was then decided that ISIC-12 would take place in Stellenbosch in 2009. Then the next conferences took place in Scotland (UK) and twice in Warsaw (Poland). Now the ISIC-16 conference is held for the second time in Kazan.

The ISIC conference series is relevant to molecular inclusion phenomena in supramolecular chemistry, the life sciences, nanotechnology and advanced materials. The main objective of ISIC series is to present the frontiers of these important fields as well as bring together young and experienced scientists from all regions of the world to establish fruitful scientific collaboration at regional and global levels. Special attention will be paid to materials with useful properties, e.g. sorbents, extractants, catalysts, sensors, and biologically relevant compounds.

For historical reasons (as outlined above), this conference series has garnered a large following amongst Eastern Europeans. Now we anticipate that the majority of presenting participants will be internationally renowned researchers from Western Europe, the Americas, Asia and Australasia, as well as number of students from these regions is expected to attend.

International Seminar on Inclusion Compounds

I	1981	Stara Lesna, Czechoslovakia (A. Sopkova)	IX	2003	Novosibirsk, Russia (V. P. Fedin)
II	1987	Jaszowiec, Poland (J. Lipkowski)	X	2005	Kazan, Russia (A. I. Konovalov)
III	1989	Novosibirsk, Russia (Yu. A. Dyadin)	XI	2007	Kyiv, Ukraine (V. Kalchenko)
IV	1991	Stara Lesna, Czechoslovakia (A. Sopkova)	XII	2009	Stellenbosch, South Africa (L. Barbour)
V	1994	Odessa, Ukraine (S. Andronati)	XIII	2011	Gierloz, Poland (K. Suwinska)
VI	1995	Istanbul, Turkey (S. Akyuz, S. Erk)	XIV	2013	Edinburgh, Scotland (S. Dalgarno)
VII	1997	Pardubice-Sec, Czech Republic (J. Kolousova)	XV	2015	Warsaw, Poland (K. Suwinska)
VIII	2001	Popowo, Poland (K. Suwinska)	XVI	2017	Kazan, Russia (I. S. Antipin)
			XVII	2019	Limerick, Ireland (M. Zaworotko)

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