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CELEBRATING A CENTURY OF SEPARATION SCIENCE

SGE and the Royal Australian Chemistry Institute (RACI) recently hosted 'A Century of Chromatography' to commemorate 100 years since the first official 'scientific separation' was recorded.

Held on-site at SGE's R&D, Manufacturing facilities, Ringwood Australia, the event was attended by a diverse audience of scientific innovators and practitioners, RACI members, research groups and industry professionals.

Acknowledging Russian Botanist, Mikhail Semenovitch Tswett (Tsvett*) initial separation of plant pigments and first chromatographic analysis, the audience was entertained and educated by a series of presentations, site tour and a historical display.

Distinguished innovators in chromatography such as Professors Milton Hearn, Paul Haddad and Phil Marriott provided historical overviews and future-directions of separation science, and SGE's founder Ern Dawes and Managing Director, Peter Dawes presented highlights of the company's' past, present and future involvement in GC and LC.

Over the past 100 years, several Australian pioneers have contributed to the evolution of gas and liquid chromatography. Key individuals such as Dr. Ian McWilliam and his invention of the FID detector, and Ern Dawes' innovations in glass separation componentry have assisted to raise Australia's profile in the global chromatography sector.



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According to Phil Marriott, Professor of Separation Science at RMIT, the presentations at the "100 Years of Chromatography" celebration illustrate the breadth and strength of Australian separation science, both at the research level and in commercial activities.

"Research activities are at the leading edge of global technology, and delegates were impressed by the scale of SGE's operations and their technical achievements", he said.

Echoing this sentiment was Peter Dawes, SGE Managing Director.

"It was most enjoyable to celebrate the centenary of chromatography at SGE in conjunction with the RACI, plus the presence of Ian McWilliam, inventor of the Flame Ionisation Detector, represented a key milestone that has enabled gas chromatography to become the widely used technique it is today".

It was also significant to us in that Ian's request for syringes from my father, Ern Dawes was the seed that started SGE", he said.

As the key representative body for professional chemists, RACI's mission is to advance and promote the science, practice, role, and status of chemistry and the interests of the profession of chemistry and its members.

SGE is renowned for providing analytical and life science product solutions for liquid and gas chromatography, MS interface and MS detection, Total Organic Carbon analysis and specialty scientific tubing.

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