

## Preface

The Meeting on Chemistry and Life has a rich tradition of bringing together students, innovators, and leaders in chemistry into a vibrant and highly integrative forum that is conducive to sharing information, gaining knowledge, strengthening collaborations and moving forward the chemical science and technology in basic and applied research.

This year's technical programme encompassed six areas that covered the broad spectrum of activities in materials, environmental and food chemistry and technology, biotechnology, physical chemistry and applied chemistry and provided a unique opportunity to share and discuss the latest developments.

A special forum was dedicated to Czech and Slovak food science on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the independent Czechoslovak Republic. In addition to an exceptional technical programme, Chemistry and Life 2018 gathered the attendees to educational and outreach activities; including an exciting Workshop on PHA based bioplastics and GEODUST Workshop focused on education and training in soft skills related to scientific work and project management.

Finally, we thank all of you for attending and bringing your expertise to this conference. You as the leaders of this field, have a vision, the knowledge, and the experience to pave the way into the chemistry and life future. Through this conference, we had a chance to share our visions and help to shape the future of chemical science and technology.

The conference was held under the auspices of the rector of Brno University of Technology, professor Petr Štěpánek on the occasion of the 120th establishment of the Brno University of Technology.