

Preface

The International Conference on Applied Hair Science is organized by TRI-Princeton on an every-other-year time basis. The goal is to bring together hair scientists and researchers from around the globe to share findings, ideas, and discoveries. The eighth iteration of this event was held on the sixth and seventh June 2018 at the Oyster Point hotel in Red Bank, New Jersey.

The event consisted of 22 podium presentations by speakers from seven different countries. A poster session attracted a further 18 submissions. Presentations were slotted into four sessions dedicated to Hair Biology; Insights into Hair Structure; Hair Insults and Protection; and New Methods.

A general overall theme of the meeting involved an attempt to bridge the gap between hair biologists, who study the “live” follicular activity, and material scientists and chemists who study the remarkable structure of the resulting “dead” fibers. Historically, these two groups of scientists have each attended their own meetings, and interactions have accordingly been relatively infrequent. This event consequently produced some unique discussions.

This special edition of *Journal of Cosmetic Science* features 10 articles based on talks given at this conference—and consists of submissions from each of the aforementioned four sessions. These papers illustrate the diversity of the event by describing work in the areas of hair biology, physical and mechanical properties, structural considerations, fragrance interaction with hair, etc. Similarly, articles were penned by authors from academia, end good companies, ingredient suppliers, and instrument manufacturers.

TRI would like to thank everyone who helped make the eighth International Conference on Applied Hair Science a resounding success. This includes the organizing committee, sponsors, presenters, and participants.

See you all in 2020!

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