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Editorial

This special edition of Food Hydrocolloids is based on the 1st UK Hydrocolloids Symposium, held on the 10th of September, 2013, at the University of Huddersfield. The meeting was attended by nearly 80 chemists, food and pharmaceutical scientists and was organized around the theme of “Bridging the Divide between Food and Pharma” and aimed to promote the cross-fertilisation of ideas between disciplines for hydrocolloid applications.

Recent developments in the field of hydrocolloid research ranging from their characterisation to advanced applications in food, pharmaceuticals, health and materials, were presented. These topics were presented at the meeting in the form of 6 invited key-note lectures, 7 oral presentation, 6 flash presentations, 3 industrial contributions and 32 poster communications. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the scientific committee for their help and advice, the symposium delegates for their participation and excellent scientific contributions, and our sponsors Wyatt Technology, Nanosight, Malvern Instruments, Stable Micro Systems, Nestlé and the University of Huddersfield for their financial assistance.

Many authors accepted our invitation to submit an article in this special issue of Food Hydrocolloids. All the submitted manuscripts were subjected to rigorous peer-review after which 10 submissions were accepted for publication. The accepted contributions consisted of 1 mini-review and 9 research papers.

We would like to express our thanks to all the authors who submitted their work to this special issue and to all the reviewers who helped us ensure the quality. We are also grateful to Professor Peter Williams (and the Food Hydrocolloids team) for helping to make this special issue possible.

The UK Hydrocolloids Symposium series will continue, and it is our pleasure to invite you, to attend the 2nd meeting, which will be held in Birmingham in September 2015 and will be organised by Dr. Fotis Spyropoulos.

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