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CONFERENCE REPORT

PITTCON '94

PITTCON '94, the Pittsburgh Conference & Exposition on Analytical Chemistry and Applied Spectroscopy held its 45th annual meeting at Chicago's McCormick Place from Feb. 28 to Mar. 4, 1994. As usual, the event was marked by a large number of registered participants. The total attendance this year was 30,922, up nearly 7% from last year. The attendees included 2,858 international visitors, representing over 70 countries. There were more than 1800 technical presentations covering a broad spectrum of topics and developments in analytical chemistry. The Exposition consisted of 3,120 booths that displayed the products of over a 1000 companies. The highlight of the exhibition was the Antiquities Museum that was featured as part of the 45th anniversary celebration of the Pittsburgh Conference. The museum was organized by an 18-member PITTCON committees, and featured many historically significant instruments exhibited in 63 booths. In addition to the regular conference registrants, PITTCON'94 was also host to participants in the Science Week program for students. This year, the Pittsburgh Conference donated a science van containing analytical instruments to the city of Chicago. This van will be a part of Chicago State University's science outreach program for city schools. In recent years, PITTCON has developed a tradition of hosting such Science Week activities in its host city. The 46th annual PITTCON is scheduled to be held in New Orleans in 1995.