

Highlights of Analytical Sciences in Switzerland

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A Tribute to Veronika Meyer

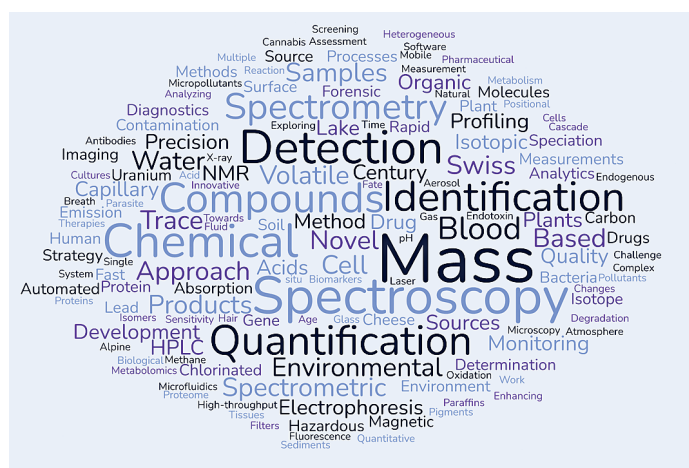
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CHIMIA's *Highlights of Analytical Sciences* in Switzerland are a success story, showcasing the excellent research that has been and is carried out in Switzerland in this field.

Thanks to **Veronika Meyer**, this column was initiated in 2005 (then called *Highlights of Analytical Chemistry in Switzerland*) and she has served as its editor for the past 20 years. As a passionate, recognized analytical chemist (honored as IUPAC's Distinguished Woman in Chemistry) and mountaineer (climbing Qomolangma), she was always seeking new heights. Being a trained chemical analytical scientist with a distinct scientific record, she was able to identify and select important reports on cutting-edge research in analytical chemistry in Switzerland.

She then convinced the authors to prepare a one-page roundup for readers of *CHIMIA*. These snippets not only had an impact in dissemination of the research, but also on the initiation of collaborations across different research groups and disciplines, which is perfectly illustrated by more than 200 citations they received. In total the columns she edited were authored by almost 700 scientists from Swiss institutions and international teams.



The columns span across a broad range including fundamental research and the use of analytical methods applied in the laboratory. Almost every technique used in the routine analytical chemical lab and specialized research centers has been covered at least once. This topical breadth in particular highlights her openness to the field and her advanced analytical views and interests.

As the editor of the *Highlights*, she has now met her target number of 200 contributions, the last of them was published in the previous issue of *CHIMIA*. She now hands over this responsibility to **Bodo Hattendorf** from ETH Zurich, who hopes to be able to follow in her footsteps. The impact of *CHIMIA*'s *Highlights of Analytical Sciences in Switzerland* in the dissemination of analytical chemistry in Switzerland will thus remain.

The members of the board of the Division of Analytical Sciences of the Swiss Chemical Society want to express their deepest gratitude and acknowledge the effort Veronika has put into this duty.

We are convinced that the work of Veronika Meyer as the driving force for the *Highlights of Analytical Sciences/Chemistry in Switzerland* is in itself a noteworthy Highlight!



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