



Gesellschaft Deutscher Chemiker

Initiated by Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) and "Wissenschaft im Dialog (WiD)" ("Science in Dialog")

2000: Jahr der Physik (Year of Physics)

2001: Jahr der Lebenswissenschaften (Year of the Lifesciences)

2002: Jahr der Geowissenschaften (Year of the Geosciences)

2003: Jahr der Chemie (Year of Chemistry) -

marks also 200th birthday of Justus von Liebig





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Goal is to enter into a dialog with and to demonstrate to the general public:

Chemistry is the fascinating science of substances, reactions and their properties. It is the basis for all molecular sciences in biology, pharmaceuticals, and material science.

Chemistry is a basic scientific discipline that is highly relevant for innovation-oriented research and development.

Chemistry and its products are an omnipresent part of our day-to-day life.

Chemistry, as a relevant branch of our industry and as a qualified employer, plays an important part in our society's prosperity and future prospects.

Only with chemistry a sustainable development will be possible.



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Next to BMBF and WiD all relevant chemistry organizations are involved:

German Chemical Society

Bunsen Society for Physical Chemistry

Society for Chemical Engineering and Biotechnology (DECHEMA)

Chemical Industry Association with Fonds of the Chemical Industry

Chemical Employers Association

Union for Mining, Chemistry and Energy

Association of Academics and Executives in the Chemical Industry

Chemistry Employers' Liability Insurance Association



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Organization:

Coordination Committee with representatives from all chemistry organizations, BMBF, and WiD. Meets since middle of 2001 every 3-4 months.

Coordinator employed by GDCh.

Events are organized and financed by the corresponding organizations.

Publicity agency for general campaign, paid for by BMBF.



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Selected Highlights:

Opening Event in Berlin "The Kiss - Chemistry and Life"

Exhibition trilogy: Man - Matter - Future (total 10 exhibitions)

Liebig events in Gießen, Darmstadt and Munich

Chemistry-Truck "Justus"

Exhibition ship "MS Chemie" on the Rhine river

Science summer with many events in Mainz in September

Open door day of chemical industry and research facilities

"Week of Chemistry" during GDCh annual meeting in Munich

Contributions in press, TV, radio

Brochures and books

Local events everywhere (more than 1000)



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www.jahr-der-chemie.de (in German)

www.year-of-chemistry.de (in English)

