

**17/3/2026**

# Chemistry That Connects Us

ÚOCHB AV ČR,  
Lecture Hall A.2.01, 13:00

A Symposium Honoring  
Prof. Pavel Kočovský  
on His 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday

- 13:00–13:05 **Opening of the Symposium - Jan Konvalinka**  
*Institute of Organic Chemistry and Biochemistry, Prague*
- 13:05–13:15 **Laudatio - Jan Veselý**  
*Charles University, Prague*
- 13:15–13:55 **Jan-E. Bäckvall**  
*Department of Organic Chemistry, Stockholm University, Sweden*  
**Biomimetic Catalysis in Green Organic Transformations**
- 13:55–14:20 **Frederick Friscourt**  
*Université de Bordeaux, Institut Européen de Chimie et Biologie (IECB), Pessac, France*  
**Novel Bioorthogonal Reagents for the Study and Control of Complex Glycans**
- 14:20–14:40 Coffee Break
- 14:40–15:05 **Štěpán Vyskočil**  
*Independent Consultant*  
**Navigating Modern Drug Discovery: Why Strong Scientific Foundations Matter**
- 15:05–15:30 **Milan Pour**  
*Faculty of Pharmacy in Hradec Králové, Charles University, Prague*  
**From Kočovský (via Mander) To Negishi: From Thallium to Palladium**
- 15:30–15:55 **Jiří Míšek**  
*Charles University, Prague*  
**The Smell of Success: Tales from Organosulfur Chemist**
- 15:55–16:20 **Irena G. Stará & Ivo Starý**  
*Institute of Organic Chemistry and Biochemistry, Prague*  
**Exploring the Multifaceted World of  $\pi$ -Electron Systems: From Hypobromous Acid Addition to Modern Aromatic Chemistry**
- 16:20–16:25 **Closing of the Symposium**
- 16:25–17:15 **Light Refreshments - Club**



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