

## News of The Group (2013) noted by Elena

### Initiating a new Year



The "golden" group (in the golden door in Córdoba) made a big effort to illustrate this issue and I will always appreciate all their inputs. The collaborative work with Dr. Jordi Carbó and Dr. Carles Bo, from DFT calculations, allowed us to understand better our experimental results, so many thanks for that!!

My impression is that the organocatalytic boron chemistry issue opened new directions in our scientific projects and the asymmetric induction, in a metal free context towards C-B bond formation, was one of our major objectives.



### March

I was involved as an external evaluator for an academic position at KTH, Royal Institute of Technology in Stockholm. I found the selection process very stimulating and positive. It was a really nice opportunity for me to interview the candidates and learn from their point of views. The low temperatures were impressive, as well!



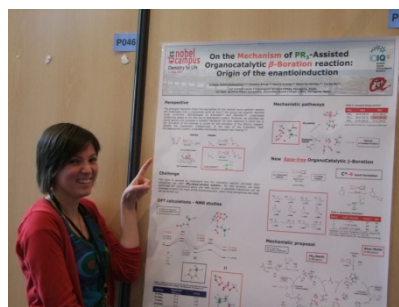
### April



Oxford revisited by Elena... giving a lecture at the Chemistry Research Laboratories. This is 18th years since Elena arrived for the first time to Oxford for the postdoc (April 1995) at Dyson Perrins Laboratory. Despite the time passed, the memories are still very much alive. On that occasion, I enjoyed the sunrise from the visitor's room at Whadarn College.

Cristina Pubill-ulldemolins finished her stay at the group, after 4 years as PhD and some months as postdoc. I want to thank her all the good chemistry she developed from experimental and theoretical point of view as well as the great moments we spent laughing with her jokes...

Good luck in your new professional step in Canada/Japan.



## May



The group attended the 96<sup>th</sup> Canadian Chemistry Conference in Quebec. We were very much impressed by the fantastic organisation and the program, particularly in the Group 13 Elements in Novel Materials and Catalysis symposium. We met again Dr. Cathy Crudden, Dr. Steve Westcott and Dr. Tom Baker (the optimised Canadian boron team!)

## June

We welcomed Mr. Eric Bowes (from Canada) and Mr. Adam Calow (from UK) to work in our laboratories for the summer period. We were happy to share with them the boron addition routes and the warm weather.



## July



Cristina Solé became doctor in chemistry in our group and it was a great satisfaction to see the quality of her defence Thesis. We wish her a good luck in her new professional position in Barcelona.

Prof. Andy Withing was also present in her defence and in the beach party.

## August

Our "old boron PhD" Amadeu Bonet, now Dr Bonet-Marie Curie Fellow at Bristol University, was married with Angi. The Boron atom was witness of his wedding and happiness!!!

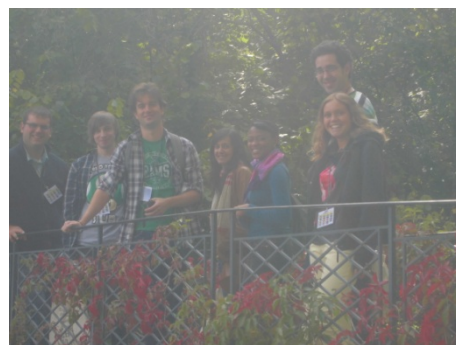


On my way... I made another step in the "Camino de Santiago". Just to charge batteries for the new academic year!

## September

The group joined the Euroboron 6 Meeting in Radziejowice, Poland. It was nice to see previous members of the group (Dr. Amadeu Bonet) together with the current members. Boron chemistry allowed us to meet again. Congratulations Amadeu for the price to the best oral communication!

Alba started her PhD in Durham, good luck!!!



## October



The Master courses started and some of us became very much stressed! We urge Marc and Nuria to go ahead with the lectures...

Oxford visited Tarragona and for that special moment I wanted to dedicate these words from the latin poet Lucius Annaeus Florus: "Well here, my guest and friend, you find good people, frugal people who take their time in accepting you, but are thoughtful and hospitable. The climate is a mixture, confusing, unique, all the seasons and the whole year appear to be an eternal spring"



## November

The group grows up! Dr Ana Belen Cuenca starts a collaborative project for the industry and Enrico La Cascia comes from Italy to initiate his PhD studies, under the supervision of Elena and Andy Whiting (Durham-UK). Welcome!

## December

Our beloved Jessica will defend the Thesis and it will be a great day (for the agenda, December the 20<sup>th</sup>). We have learned from her many theoretical and experimental inputs thanks to her generous personality.



## Advanced News for 2014

We have a special event in September 2014, the organisation of the Meeting of the expert group on Organometallic Chemistry GEQOXXXII. Keep cross fingers!

<http://www.geqoXXXII.unv.cat>

