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## INTRODUCTION

Heterogeneous catalytic hydrogenation is of significant importance for the production of pharmaceuticals, nutraceuticals, flavours and fragrances, agrochemicals and fine chemicals. Indeed, an average of approximately 10% of all chemical steps in the production of such chemicals are catalytic hydrogenations. However, due to the multidisciplinary nature of heterogeneous catalytic hydrogenation, this technology is frequently improperly or inadequately used, which results in problems during scale up and negatively affects the economy of chemical processes and the quality of products.

Participants of this comprehensive course will be familiarized with all important aspects of heterogeneous catalytic hydrogenation. Attendees will learn how to successfully design, develop and realize economic, safe, foolproof and ecologic hydrogenation processes. The main focus will particularly be on a deeper understanding of the underlying disciplines such as catalysis on surfaces and transport processes. Guidelines on how to approach specific hydrogenation problems and concepts and tools for the design, development and scale up of catalytic hydrogenation processes will be presented, rather than summing up transformations of functional groups by catalytic hydrogenation, as this information can nowadays easily be searched and found in literature and patents.

**Case Studies and Problem sessions will also be included throughout the course.**

The organisers reserve the right to change the published programme of events and course content as circumstances dictate.

## COURSE OUTLINE

### In detail, the course covers the following topics:

- > Surfaces and metal surfaces
- > Theory of catalysis on surfaces
- > Transport steps and chemical steps in heterogeneous catalysis
- > Kinetics (micro- and macrokinetics)
- > Influence of variables (overview)
- > Hydrogen sources (molecular hydrogen, hydrogen transfer agents, hydrogen solubilities)
- > Hydrogenation catalysts (catalyst types, catalyst preparation, catalyst properties, catalyst activation and deactivation)
- > Influence of solvents
- > Influence of acids, bases, additives, modifiers
- > Influence of substrates
- > Influence of reaction conditions (concentrations, temperature, agitation)
- > Chemical group transformations
- > Reaction engineering aspects: suspension and fixed bed reactors; batch, semibatch and continuous operation modes
- > Tools and guidelines for selection of chemical systems, determination of basic reaction data needed for the successful scale up from laboratory to plant
- > Hydrogenation in laboratory and plant, scale up issue
- > Economical aspects
- > Safety aspects
- > Analysis of surfaces and catalysts
- > Rules of thumb, pitfalls

### The attendees will learn:

- > Which equipment to use (exploratory screening, kinetic investigations etc.)
- > How to select the appropriate catalytic system (catalyst, solvent, acids, bases, modifiers)
- > How to properly determine the influence of pressure, temperature, mixing
- > What are the relevant experiments and how to interpret experiment results correctly
- > How to measure transport effects and how to determine the effect of transport limitations
- > What are the causes of catalyst deactivation and how to prevent deactivation
- > How to measure catalyst activity, selectivity and catalyst deactivation, changes of catalyst properties
- > How to determine the basic data (micro- and macro kinetics, thermodynamics, pathways) needed for a successful and direct scale up from laboratory to plant scale
- > How to integrate aspects of chemical reaction engineering
- > How to scale up successfully; scale up - scale down approach
- > When to run processes with suspended catalysts and when to use fixed bed reactors
- > Batch, semi-batch and continuous mode of operation
- > On the importance of back - and forward integration
- > Hydrogenation in the laboratory and plant
- > How to estimate catalyst costs
- > How to handle catalysts safely and how to carry out catalytic processes safely
- > Many tips, rules of thumb, pitfalls



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**Start** 8.30am - Thursday 28 June

**Finish** 5.00pm - Friday 29 June

**Course Dinner** 6.30pm - Thursday 28 June

**Course Fee:** €1,725

Which includes comprehensive course manual, refreshments throughout the day, lunch and one course dinner.

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## COURSE TUTOR

### Dr Felix Roessler

Felix Roessler studied chemistry at the University of Zürich (UZH), Switzerland. After obtaining his PhD at UZH, he moved to Cambridge (GB) to work on organosilicon chemistry with Ian Fleming. He started his industrial career with Roche in Basel in 1980, first with central research where his focus was heterogeneous catalysis for the production of pharmaceuticals and fine chemicals and where he invented and developed an inhouse high throughput screening system, particularly for investigating chemical reactions under elevated pressure/temperature conditions on a small scale, 10 years ahead of the emergence of commercially available systems. Next step was process research and development within the Roche's pharma division, supporting medicinal chemistry, development and production regarding heterogeneous catalytic reactions. In 2000 Felix joined the vitamins division of Roche, where he initiated, developed and introduced highly economic and ecologic heterogeneous catalytic processes for the production of nutraceuticals. Along with the take over of Roche vitamins by DSM in 2004, Felix worked as catalysis expert for



DSM where he supported catalysis for the nutraceutical, pharma and base chemical divisions.

Felix was honoured twice with the Sandmeyer award in 1997 and 2008, granted by the Swiss Chemical Society. He is author of 18 publications, co-author of monographs and holds 4 patents.

Since his retirement in 2007, Felix is active as independent consultant for all aspects of heterogeneous catalytic processes, from consulting regarding selection of the proper equipment, consulting regarding the selection of appropriate chemical systems and determination of basic reaction data, trouble shooting along with production processes, analysis of production processes regarding potential for improvements, to consulting and coaching R&D-chemists in the development of highly economic processes and successful scale up directly from laboratory to plant.

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