The cost of the conference (travel from Barcelona, board, breakfast, dinner and accommodation) is 250 Euro per person.

Stipends will be available for Ph. D. students.

Applications (with a brief CV and reasons for attending meeting) should be sent to José R. Bertomeu Sánchez (Jose.R.Bertomeu@uv.es) before February 5th, 2004. Updated information about the meeting (registration forms, fellowships, definitive programme) can be found at the meeting web page.

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Second circular
Maó, 19th - 20th March 2004
The meeting “Orfila i la seva època” (Orfila and his times) will be held in Maó (Minorca) on 19th-20th March 2004. It aims to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the death of Mateu J. Bonaventura Orfila (1787-1853), a very relevant toxicologist and chemist, and the dean of the Faculty of Medicine of Paris from 1830 onwards. Born in Maó, he studied medicine at the University of Valencia and chemistry in Barcelona, later continuing his studies in Paris. Under the protection of the chemists Vauquelin and Thenard, Orfila became a private lecturer on chemistry in the French capital. In 1819 he was appointed professor of legal medicine, and four years later he succeeded Vauquelin as professor of chemistry at the Paris Faculty of Medicine. In 1830 he was nominated dean of that faculty, a powerful and influential position within the French medical community. He died, after a short illness, in Paris on 12th March 1853.

Orfila’s chief publications are Traité des poisons, or Toxicologie générale (1813); Eléments de chimie médicale (1817); Leçons de médecine légale (1823); and Traité des exhumations juridiques (1830); and Recherches sur l’empoisonnement par l’acide arsenieux (1841). He also wrote many valuable papers, chiefly on subjects connected with legal medicine.

Starting with Orfila’s work, the meeting aims to build a broader and more ambitious collective enterprise on the intersections between chemistry and medicine during the first half of the nineteenth century. For that purpose, in a two day format, the meeting will be divided into three parts: (a) Orfila and his times; (b) Medical chemistry; (c) Chemistry, Legal Medicine and Toxicology.