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Later this year the ninth [International Conference on Chemical Structures](#) (ICSS) conference will be held in the Netherlands. I had the pleasure of joining this meeting, I think, eight years ago, when I was doing my PhD in Nijmegen. Mind you, I did not *attend* the conference; I helped with the organization ;) That was a good deal, particularly because I got to meet many cheminformaticians while working behind the registration desk ;)

Actually, my gravatar still reflects that meeting, as it is a picture taken on the boat trip on the [Markermeer](#). That was one great boat trip: I steered a *driemaster*, and helped out on the boat on ropes outside the deck, meters above the water. Cheminformatics can be so nice! The photo was taken during a calmer part of that boat trip :)

Back to the ICCS. It's one of the bigger cheminformatics meetings, and likely the best after the yearly [GCC meetings](#). Mind you, the term cheminformatics reflects more the methods than the domains. Indeed, the meeting's [Call for Papers](#) lists many topics highly relevant to [my position here at KI](#), including chemogenomics, (Q)SAR, literature mining, "integration of medical and biological information" (including semantic web technologies), and in-silico analysis of toxicology, drug safety, and adverse events.

Depending on the schedule this year, I may actually submit an abstract based on what we will do in the next year, and see what happens. The CfP deadline is 31 January.