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Thermo Fisher Scientific Launches New GC IsoLink System, Adding Powerful Isotope Ratio Capabilities to Mainstream GC/MS

MUNICH, Germany, (March 31, 2008) – Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc., the world leader in serving science, today announced the European launch of its Thermo Scientific GC IsoLink™ at Analytica 2008. Building on Thermo Fisher's leadership in Isotope Ratio Mass Spectrometry, the GC IsoLink makes isotope ratio monitoring GC/MS (*irm*-GC/MS) as easy to perform as GC/MS. Scientists, lab managers and operators can now routinely use isotope analysis to unravel unique information about the history and origin of compounds separated by gas chromatography (GC). The new *irm*-GC/MS system will be showcased at the Thermo Scientific **booth 105/204**, Hall B1 at Analytica 2008, being held in Munich, Germany, from April 1-4.

GC/MS users can now utilize the power of *irm*-GC/MS analysis to discover information about their samples that was previously inaccessible by any other technique. Chemical and physical processes can change the natural isotope compositions of organic compounds. While common GC/MS provides structural information and compound quantification, *irm*-GC/MS reveals the history and origin of compounds by reading their isotopic signature with ultra-high precision.

Users benefit from the GC IsoLink's fully automated coupling of GC to Isotope Ratio MS. The new solution incorporates all conversion techniques for carbon, hydrogen, nitrogen, and oxygen compound-specific isotope analysis. This significantly simplifies the instrumentation previously required.

The GC IsoLink promises to bring the power of *irm*-GC/MS analysis into mainstream GC/MS for applications such as environmental research, paleo geochemistry, climatology, microbial ecology, forensics, food authentication, metabolomics and sports doping control.

For more information on the Thermo Scientific GC IsoLink, please visit the Thermo Scientific booth 105/204, Hall B1 at Analytica 2008. Alternatively, please call +49-6103-408-0, email analyze@thermofisher.com or visit www.thermo.com/gcisolink

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