The 19th IUPAC International Symposium on Organometallic Chemistry Directed towards Organic Synthesis (OMCOS-19) conference was held on the beautiful island Jeju which is located in the southernmost part of Korea. This was the first OMCOS conference to be held in Korea. The symposium venue was International Convention Center JEJU (ICC JEJU), and the period was from June 25th to June 29th of 2017. The organizing committee of OMCOS19 is indebted to our sponsors including the Institute for Basic Science (IBS) – Center for Catalytic Hydrocarbon Functionalizations, Seoul National University, the Korean Chemical Society and the Korean Society of Organic Synthesis for their generous support.

<The 19th OMCOS began with opening remarks by Professor Sukbok Chang>
The conference again was marked by great talks by preeminent scientists from around the world, with strong participation from industry and academia, graduate students, postdoctoral fellows and faculty. A total of 772 participants from 20 different countries came to the 19th OMCOS to attend presentations from 7 Plenary Lecturers and 15 Invited Lecturers. In addition, 19 Short Talks were also given that were selected from 550 Poster Presentations.

The conference was opened by the plenary lecture by Professor Robert Grubbs in the evening of July 25.
Following the first lecture was a welcoming reception held at the Ocean View Hall of ICC Jeju.

<Attendees are enjoying the food and musical performance prepared at the reception>

The scientific program continued in Monday morning with the second plenary lecture delivered by Professor Guy Lloyd-Jones. Further plenary lectures were presented over the course of the week including Professors Douglas Stephan, Chul-Ho Jun, Masahiro Miura, David MacMillan, and Shengming Ma. The symposium featured 14 Invited lectures on broad themes of organometallic chemistry given by Vy M. Dong, Christophe Copéret, Kenichiro Itami, Martin Oestreich, Syuzanna Harutyunyan, Shu-Li You, Henri Doucet, Frank Glorius, Tobias Ritter, Jerome Waser, Teck-Peng Loh, Danielle Schultz, Masaya Sawamura, and Guangbin Dong. The scientific program also included the OMCOS19 Award Lecture by Professor Ruben Martin. Following the tradition of OMCOS, a total of 19 lectures were also selected from the contributed Posters.
This symposium organized two poster sessions on Monday and Wednesday. A total of 550 posters of high scientific quality contributed to these exciting events.
<Attendees are sharing the latest research outcomes and networking during poster sessions>
Professor Ruben Martin won the OMCOS Award, which was supported by generous donation of Yen Chuang Foundation and Springer. Following a ceremony, the Award Lecture was delivered in the morning of Tuesday.

As has been another tradition of OMCOS conferences, Tuesday afternoon was reserved for a half-day excursion. Activities included short trekking, hiking Mt. Halla, and visits to the cobalt-blue northern seashore as well as a museum of indigenous life in Jeju Island.
The traditional conference banquet was held on Wednesday night, where we thanked all the contributors to the event, from speakers to all the administrative staffs and student volunteers who made the wonderful event possible.

After the final lecture was delivered on the last day, the closing ceremony followed, in which eight posters received Poster Awards during the closing ceremony. The organizing committee thanks Wiley, Thieme and the RSC for supporting the prizes.
OMCOS19 ended with closing remarks delivered by Professor Chulbom Lee. We are forever grateful to the large number of participants who made OMCOS19 a successful event. From Jeju, the meeting moves to Heidelberg in Germany with Professor Stephen Hashmi as Chair. We wish all the best to Professor Hashmi and see you all again at Heidelberg in 2019!