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Reconnecting with the Crystallographic Community in the Asia-Pacific Region

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Our Bruker AXS team, consisting of specialists from the APAC region and Germany, was recently in the scenic island of Jeju, Korea from October 30 to November 4 for the Asian Crystallographic Association (AsCA) Meeting 2022.

It was wonderful to catch up with the crystallography community in Asia after such a

long break of in-person conferences. Both delegates got to see the [D2 PHASER](#), our benchtop powder XRD system, and various other single-crystal XRD hardware, such as the [PHOTON III detector](#), and the newly released [µS DIAMOND II Source](#) up close.

During the conference, attendees to our Lunch & Learn Symposium were treated to a *dosirak* (lunchbox) with a selection of local cuisine,



Lunch & Learn Symposium



Team Bruker AXS at our booth at AsCA 2022.

while our team spoke about the latest Bruker updates on hardware and software developments in [X-ray diffraction and crystallography](#).



Osulloc Tea: a Jeju specialty.

Our trivia quiz – lucky draw was also back again this year, with 5 lucky winners walking away with an Osulloc Secret Tea Story set, a gift that contains an assortment of scents that represent the island of Jeju.

We hope that this tea set brings back some wonderful memories of Korea, no matter where the winners are.

If you missed out on this crystallography conference, there were several other events that

we participated in. The [34th Biennial Conference of the Society of Crystallographers in Australia and New Zealand, Crystal 34](#) took place in Bendigo, a town approximately 2 hours north of Melbourne, on December 6-9, 2022.

This year, besides the [48th Lorne Conference on Protein Structure and Function](#) from February 5-9 in Lorne, Australia, we will also be at the [26th Congress of the IUCr](#) in Melbourne, Australia, on August 22-29. A plethora of activities are in progress of being planned once again, which will include some software workshops before the main conference. Delegates to this large conference will be able to register for them on the IUCr conference webpage at a later date.

Keep a lookout on our website, www.bruker.com and [our LinkedIn page](#) for more updates.