

## science-softCon UV/Vis Spectra Data Base

Dear Colleagues,

in August 2000, the „science-softCon UV/Vis Spectra Data Base“ was established as an on-line service to all interested scientists. The basic concept of the “science-softCon UV/Vis Spectra Data Base” is to provide useful information to the scientific community on a proper basis, especially in times where scientific information becomes more and more a commercial product and is therefore often not within the means of those people who actually generated the information.

This service is subdivided into a “Literature Service” and a “Spectra Service” and is provided by science-softCon without any financial or technical support from industrial, governmental and non-governmental sources.

The **Literature Service** provides [spectra data sheets](#) with information concerning publications of UV/Vis spectra. Information presented by our "Literature Service" can be used free-of-charge. However, use of appropriate credits is requested.

The **Spectra Service** provides in addition the validated [spectra data](#) (high and low resolution spectra) in digital form. However, for some of the listed spectra, especially from older literature sources, only spectra data sheets are available.

Because of the importance of maintenance of the data base the support of the scientific community is required. Therefore all scientists are encouraged to support the data base either actively or passively. Active support means the provision of missing or newly measured spectra data for inclusion in the data base. Although there is a modest annual fee for the data base utilization (for more information see [license fee](#)), those scientists who actively support the data base can reduce their annual license fee down to zero EURO and therefore use the data base for free (for more information see [reduction](#)). Nevertheless, there is also the possibility to support the data base passively by [subscription](#) to the data base.

However, even those scientists who don't support the data base can benefit from the “Literature Service” which is free-of-charge.

We hope that the “science-softCon UV/Vis Spectra Data Base” proves useful for you and will facilitate your day-to-day work. If you have any comments or questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

Many thanks for your co-operation and best regards,

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