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Conference report of International Conference on Nanomaterials and Nanotechnology (ICNANO) - 2017, India



Fig. 1. IAAM medal and IAAM scientist medal awardees during International Conference on Nanomaterials and Nanotechnology (ICNANO) - 2017.

Dear Readers,

Most of us are active in research and focus on the scientific issues and expert areas of our profession. Nanotechnology is recognized as potential arena which can have a profound societal impact. It includes all aspects important for innovation: technology sectors, value chains and business areas. However, it is still challenged in industrialization by the width of what may be considered as nanotechnology. It includes life science, semiconductors, communication, processors, textiles etc, and nanotechnology initiatives are facing the need to either boost arena or select niches. At the same time there are rural challenges, and we need to meet to propose paths for solutions.

The International Conference on Nanomaterials and Nanotechnology (ICNANO-2017, www.vbripress.com/ icnano) was conducted during 01 - 03 March 2017 at Vinoba Bhave Research Institute (www.vbriindia.org) in Allahabad, India. It was organized by International Advanced Association of Materials (IAAM, www.iaamonline.org) in collaboration with VBRI Press AB (www.vbripress.com). The goal of conference was to provide a global platform for high-tech materials and their manufacturing activities in India. The Vinoba Bhave Research Institute, located in Saidabad countryside Allahabad, was particularly elected as host since one focus of the organizers is on rural development. The researchers and engineers at the conference, coming from academia and industries, interacted for the advancements of high-tech materials and their

manufacturing activities through step towards 'Make in India' campaign (www.pmindia.gov.in/ en/major initiatives/make-in-india). In total, about 500 participants attended (researchers, industrial, government officials, politicians, media persons, etc.). The conference was inaugurated by Mr. Rajendra K. Tiwari, Additional Chief secretary, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh, India; Anand S. Khati, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Earth Sciences, Government of India; and Prof. Ashutosh Sharma. Secretary, Department of Science and Technology during the New Age Technology Summit on the first day of conference.

With kindest regards,

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