

Conference report of European Advanced Materials Congress, Sweden



Fig. 1. IAAM honor to Prof. Nils Mårtensson (Chairman, The Nobel Committee for Physics 2017 at the Royal Swedish Academic of Sciences, Sweden) for Researcher of the year during European Advanced Materials Congress, Sweden.

Dear Readers,

This year's event of European Advanced Materials Congress was held 22-24 August 2017 and made new record in number of participants and number of countries represented. Previous EAMC events in 2015 and 2016 had about 400 participants. This year EAMC had 616 participants from 92 countries.

It is both encouraging and worrying to have a large number of participants. The positive is that it reflects the increasing interest in EAMC concept, and we could see that the exchange between researchers was again successful. On the worrying side is that the increasing number of symposiums make it more difficult to follow several topics, in case one has such interest. We have previous personal experience of such practical difficulty when comparing with the MRS and EMRS meetings which have thousands of participants. Even though being interested in a talk, one may not be able to find the speaker after the talk for subsequent discussion due to the large crowd and others being interested to share information with same speaker. In

our case, there is an additional positive effect of being on a cruise ship since no one can leave the ship and we have scientific and personal exchange during the joint breakfast, morning sessions with coffee breaks, joint lunch, afternoon sessions with coffee break, and evening sessions as well as joint dinner. So, we are very pleased with this year's event.

At EAMC, this year we started with the invitation to propose symposiums. At previous conferences, we have had symposium topic selected by program committee, while from now we will follow the interest from participants due to the increasing interest for this conference. So, if you have any suggestion for symposium, feel free to propose. It is a great opportunity to emphasize activities in your field, and make network activities stronger.

With kindest regards,

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Fig. 2. Plenary Session during European Advanced Materials Congress, Sweden.