

Conference report of Asian Advanced Materials Congress, Singapore



Fig. 1. IAAM Medal and IAAM Scientist Medal awardees during Asian Advanced Materials Congress, Singapore.

Dear Readers,

The Asian Advanced Material Congress was carried out during 11-16 March 2017 on Diamond Princess Cruise Ship which was cruising from Singapore - Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia) - Penang (Malaysia) - Phuket (Thailand) - Singapore. At the conference, we had the opportunity to discuss various advanced materials approaches and enjoy cultural experiences.

Now when the advanced materials congress expands to have events in Europe, USA, and Asia annually and not only once per year with rotation to each world continent, it also means that there is a challenge to find time to attend and plan before each meeting to these congress events. So, in order to focus, the congress chair since many years Professor Anthony P.F. Turner decided to focus on his research activities and focus on Biosensors conferences.

Many of us are already familiar with his work, but in brief Professor Turner has over 750 publications and patents (>350 refereed journal papers and reviews) in the field of biosensors and biomimetic sensors and a Hirsch Index of 70. He joined the Cranfield University, UK in year 1981 to start the Biotechnology centre with the honor of UK's first professor of Biotechnology and founded here the Biosensors group as a group leader to design and development of the world's most successful type of biosensor, e.g., the hand-held mediated amperometric glucose sensor for people with diabetes. He has won a number of prestigious scientific awards and presented well over 500 keynote and plenary lectures at a range of international meetings and honour ceremonies around the world. He co-founded and has edited the principal journal in the field, *Biosensors & Bioelectronics*, since 1985. In 1980, he received his PhD in Microbiology at the University of Portsmouth, UK.

Thereby the Asian Advanced Materials Congress was the last one in which Prof Turner was chair and it was

with great memories from last years' joint efforts with International Association of Advanced Materials (www.iaamonline.org). Of course, we have many personal memories and even though we will not meet as often, there will be meetings at various events.

With kindest regards,

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