

News from JEP 2013

This third edition of the European Symposium on Photocatalysis (JEP 2013) was successful with 200 attendees from 31 countries over the world. The main representation came from France, followed by Slovenia, Germany, Italy and Spain. Most of the audience was academics and students, with 14 % from companies dealing with photocatalysis, in slight decrease relative to the previous edition JEP2011 in Bordeaux. Good organization and warm welcome from Slovenian colleagues from Nova Gorica University is to be acknowledged, with a special mention for the dancing Gala dinner. The location in front of the Adriatic coast was gorgeous and the venue in Grand Hotel Bernardin luxurious.

The 33 plenary lectures and oral communications gave the general trends of photocatalysis, in such various applications as energy, water treatment, air treatment, new catalytic nanomaterials, self-cleaning surfaces,... *Some of these lectures whose publication was allowed by their authors will be published on the EPF intranet website for all the EPF members with their login and password.*

The 120 posters left hanged during the whole symposium in a wonderful room front to the sea and allowed numerous visits, debates and contacts making this session alive and very fruitful. The JEP2013 scientific committee rewarded three students posters: the first price was given to Sammy Verbruggen from Antwerpen University for plasmonic $\text{Au}_x\text{Ag}_{(1-x)}\text{TiO}_2$.

Twenty bilateral meetings were organized to favour privileged relationships and new collaborations.

About ten exhibitors presented their products, among which the Kronos one was rather illustrative on de- NO_x properties of TiO_2 coatings, and the stand of the Photocatalysis Industry Association of Japan (PIAJ).

Next JEP2015 is forecasted either in France or Germany in order to take advantage of other large audience events. To be decided very soon.