

*To the members of the IOC
of the ECTP*

Dear Colleagues,

welcome to the yearly issue of the Newsletter, that keeps us in contact in between IOC meetings. Sorry about the lateness of this issue with respect to the usual date.

In this short editorial I have updated some simple ECTP statistics. In recent editions attendees have had the option of sending their scientific contributions to different journals and it is therefore rather difficult to make evaluations based on the publications after the event.

I have simply decided to look at the number of accepted presentations in the last four ECTPs, as shown in the following table.

Accepted Abstracts

	<i>Oral</i>	<i>Poster</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>ECTP 2005</i>	135	155	290
<i>ECTP 2008</i>	179	232	411
<i>ECTP 2011</i>	215	142	357
<i>ECTP 2014</i>	150	230	380

The numbers need some explanations. Oral presentations depend on how many parallel sessions are programmed. The 2014 numbers include flash presentations with posters and may be slightly reduced after the abstract evaluation. The trend is positive in consideration that the world economy has had many difficult years and recently thermophysics has not been a particularly “hot topic”.

Considering that there is a major thermophysics conference every year and several other specialized events, these ECTP numbers are, in my opinion, rather good ones. However this opinion is open to debate and the IOC may want do discuss these trends while looking into the future.

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PORTO, PORTUGAL, August 31st - September 4th 2014

The 20th European Conference on Thermophysical Properties (ECTP) will take place at the Faculty of Science, University of Porto, Portugal, from August 31 to September 4, 2014. The event will be organized by the thermophysical research groups from the University of Porto and the University of Aveiro.

The main goal of the conference is to provide a forum for academic and industrial researchers to meet and exchange valuable experiences in the field of thermophysical properties of a wide variety of systems, covering both fluids and solids.

The conference will include invited lectures, oral presentations, flash presentations, poster sessions and workshops on specialized topics. The usual ECTP Awards will be presented during the

event. The conference will also include an exhibition of scientific equipment.

Awards

Four candidacies were received for the ECTP Award for Lifetime Achievements. Six candidacies were received for the ECTP-Netzsch Young Scientist Award. The evaluation committees for both awards are working to evaluate the candidacies and will report soon on their findings.

Conference Submissions

More than 150 proposals have been submitted for oral presentations, together with 4 plenary lectures and 16 invited lectures. The Organizers are evaluating the necessary arrangements in the program to accommodate as many oral presentations as possible. The list of plenary and invited speakers is already available in the conference web pages.

The titles of these presentations and a short abstract should also be available soon in the website.

About 200 poster and 30 flash communications have also been submitted. Work is almost finished to evaluate the abstracts, to provide confirmations to all the submitters as soon as possible.

Participation

The database in the website contains more than 400 entries. At this stage it is estimated that the real number of participants will be in the 300-350 range and logistic plans are in preparation to accommodate such numbers.

Up-to-date Information

Detailed and more updated information about the conference may be found at:

<http://ectp2014.fc.up.pt/>

Important date

Early Bird Registration Deadline:

Will be postponed to June 30, 2014

New items

1) ***Sunday, August 31***, from 9.00 to 17.00 Meeting of the IATP (International Association for Transport Properties - web link in the “program” page of the website)

2) ***Friday, September 5*** - (Optional) post-conference tour “Douro Valley” (details in the “program” page of the website)

City of Porto

Porto is the second largest Portuguese city with about one million inhabitants, and one of the major urban areas in Southern Europe. Located along the Douro river estuary in northern Portugal, Porto is one of the oldest European centers. Its settlement dates back many centuries, when it was an outpost of the Roman Empire. Its Latin name, *Portus Cale*, has been referred to as the origin for the name Portugal.

The Douro Valley and the historical center of Porto are UNESCO World Heritage regions. The Douro Region has been producing wine for some 2.000 years and its landscape has been molded by human activities. The components of the landscape are representative of the full range of work activities associated with winemaking - terraces, *quintas* (wine-producing farm complexes), villages, chapels and roads.

Web information about the Douro Valley:

<http://whc.unesco.org/en/list/1046>

<http://www.dourovalley.eu/en/>

Web information about Porto:

<http://whc.unesco.org/en/list/755>

<http://player.vimeo.com/video/21698583>

<http://www.visitporto.travel/>

We look forward to meet again all of you
at the ECTP 2014 in Portugal.

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