

Electronics meeting provides collaboration and networking opportunities

Over 200 attendees representing six continents attended the second Electronic Materials and Applications annual meeting. EMA 2011 was held Jan. 19–21, 2011, at the Royal Plaza Hotel, Orlando, Fla.

The meeting was organized by Shashank Priya, Juan Nino and Quanxi Jia, along with the guidance of ACerS' Electronics and Basic Science Divisions. Over 200 abstracts were submitted to this conference, which included eight symposia and five plenary speakers.

Priya, who chairs the Electronics Division, says, "This forum provides an opportunity for our members to discuss their areas of expertise. Over the years we have reached out to our international members, which has helped our meeting grow. Each year the meeting continues to grow in quality and in size."

EMA's smaller, intimate setting offered many opportunities for attendees to network and collaborate. A highlight of this year's meeting included a spontaneous round-table discussion among those in academia, government and private industry on advancements, challenges and regulations of lead-free piezoelectrics.

The two divisions have already begun planning next year's EMA, which will take place on Jan. 18–20, 2012, at the Doubletree Resort in Orlando, Fla.

More photos and videos, including a video of the round-table discussion on lead-free piezoelectrics, are available at www.ceramics.org.

◀ Roop Mahajan, of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, discussed research and innovation for sustainable energy.



DOE's Patricia Dehmer spoke on the energy challenges facing the world.

