

Glass, gemütlichkeit, and comedy at first DGG-GOMD joint meeting in Germany

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About 670 glass scientists, engineers, students, and technologists from 33 countries attended the first joint meeting of the ACerS Glass and Optical Materials Division and the German Society of Glass Technology (DGG) in Aachen, Germany, May 25–29, 2014.

Monday's opening ceremony included welcomes from DGG and GOMD leaders—including Marcel Philipp, the just-reelected mayor of Aachen—and formal presentations of awards, including the GOMD's Stookey award, Morey award, Kreidl award, and Varshneya awards in Frontiers of Glass Science and Frontiers of Glass Technology.

Also on Monday, organizers arranged tours of local plants, labs, and educational institutions, which proved to be popular. A poster session generated plenty of discussion at the opening reception and throughout the week.

The technical program ran Tuesday–Thursday with five tracks on topics ranging from industrial-scale melting and furnace design, to emerging applications in energy and biomedicine, to highly theoretical science of the glassy state.

Attendees relaxed at the conference dinner, enjoyed excellent German cuisine, and announced student winners of the poster contests (four each from DGG and GOMD). After the meal a pair of “gymnastic comedians” entertained the audience. The act included funny gymnastic elements, which provided visual comedy that the audience enjoyed very much.

Next year ACerS GOMD will host the second joint meeting with DGG in Miami, Fla., May 17–21, 2015. ■

1 A group tour of the old city of Aachen on Sunday before the start of the DGG-ACerS GOMD joint meeting.

2 Reinhard Conradt, conference cochair from the DGG, welcomes attendees to the first joint meeting of the DGG-ACerS GOMD.

3 GOMD chair Shibin Jiang presents the GOMD awards.

4 Peter Lezzi accepts the Kreidl award at the opening ceremony.



5 On behalf of Mo-Sci Corporation, ACerS's Mark Mecklenborg (right) presents travel support funds to Kotaro Yamaura (left) and Teotaru Kumagai (center) from the Tokyo Institute of Technology.



6 Eric Hoar, a Coe College undergraduate, describes his research work at the poster session.



7 What would a conference be without a banquet? Bitburger beer accompanied the meal as well as German wines from the nearby Rhine Valley vineyards. ACerS GOMD members Joe Ryan (left) and Jincheng Du (right) at the banquet.

8 An unusual after-dinner act crossed languages and cultures.

