



EUROMAT 2005 promises to break all records!



Bridges over the River Vltava in Prague

We are delighted to announce that more than 1700 abstracts have been received to date for EUROMAT 2005 from authors in 57 different countries.

Well over 300 abstracts have come from Germany alone, and there are more than 100 each from France, UK and Russia. Close behind come Japan,

Korea, Italy and the Czech Republic, and Poland, Romania and USA have all spawned over 50 submissions.

With a programme that includes no fewer than six Plenary and fifty-four Key-note Lectures, there will be much to interest all serious materials scientists.

The five main topic areas (and their Coordinators) are: Functional

Materials (E. Zschech); Biomaterials (A. R. Boccacini); Structural Materials (T. Khan); Materials Processing (M. Rappaz) and Materials Characterisation (M. Rühle). Each of these broad areas is divided into as many as six distinct topics, each with its own coordinator (23 in all). The topics are further broken down into 74 symposia, each with its own Chairman.

For the first time EUROMAT will take place in Prague this year, on 5-8 September. It is being organised by three of the FEMS Member Societies: DGM in Germany, together with both CSNMT and MSS in the Czech Republic. Four university professors are acting as Congress Chairs, led by Bill Clyne of the University of Cambridge, assisted by Pavel

Lukác of Charles University, Prague, George Kaptay of the University of Miskolc, and Robert Singer of the University of Erlangen-Nürnberg. Peter Schepp of DGM is again the overall Programme Manager.

For further details about EUROMAT 2005, please visit the website: www.euromat2005.fems.org or contact the Congress Office at: euromat@fems.org

A Resounding Success – Junior EUROMAT 2004

The ripples are still subsiding on the surface of Lake Geneva after another vibrant Junior EUROMAT Conference at EPFL in Lausanne on 6-9 September 2004.

Three hundred delegates from over thirty countries crowded the main lecture theatre to hear Professor Wilfried

Kurz, President of FEMS, and Professor Colin Humphries of the University of Cambridge open the event on the first day. Although a poster conference, the majority of the authors took the opportunity to make brief oral presentations of their work.

The enthusiasm for and interest shown in each others' presentations by

the young scientists were almost palpable throughout the week.

Highlights included the traditional Festival on the beach on the second evening, and the lectures by invited industry speakers from Sulzer Innotech, Robert Bosch, EADS Suresnes, Adam Opel, Alstom Power and Wiley-VCH on the third afternoon.



The posters were a great attraction at Junior EUROMAT



Peter Schepp (DGM) and Wilfried Kurz (FEMS President) at the FEMS General Assembly in Lausanne

News from the FEMS General Assembly: President's Annual Report

The FEMS General Assembly took place in Lausanne on 5 September in conjunction with Junior EUROMAT 2004.

During the meeting, Wilfried Kurz presented his first Annual Report as President of FEMS. This reviewed the aims of FEMS and expressed commitment to the ongoing improvement of EURO-MAT. It also stressed the importance of Junior EUROMAT, which, because of its relevance to young people, represents a good investment for the future.

The next item in the President's report related to the three **FEMS Awards** and, in particular, to the enhanced **FEMS Lecturer Award**, which is

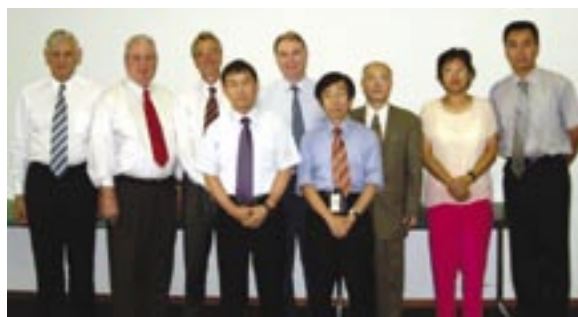
now worth up to € 3000 to the winner, consisting of up to € 1500 in travel costs and € 1500 in cash on the completion of a programme of three lectures, including an initial one at EUROMAT. This is expected to stimulate interdisciplinary exchanges and will complement the **FEMS Gold Medal** and the **FEMS Materials Science and Technology Award**.

The President then discussed ten key tasks, responsibility for which he had allocated to particular members of the Executive Committee. Each task concerns an activity where FEMS is seeking to make improvements for the benefit of its members. One of the

most important relates to the contribution by FEMS on behalf of its members to the new **European Materials Forum (EMF)**, of which it is a founder member, together with E-MRS. This is intended to provide a strong voice for the Materials community in Europe, enabling it to influence decisions by the Commission on the funding of materials-related research in future Framework Programmes. This initiative comes at a time when European research is on the move and funding for research is being increased. Furthermore, the new Commission might be open to proposals from European Materials Societies.

Professor Kurz ended his report with reference to both FEMS News and the FEMS Website as sources of news and information of interest to everyone. He thanked all FEMS Member Societies for their continuing support.

During discussion of the President's report, Dr K. Solymár (OMBKE, Hungary) requested that discounted registration fees to Junior EUROMAT for central and eastern European countries should be retained until their living standards catch up with those in the West.



Participants in the IOMMMS Annual Meeting in Lausanne

International News:

Liaison with IOMMMS

FEMS belongs to the International Organisation of Materials, Metals and Minerals Societies (IOMMMS) and hosted its most recent meeting in Lausanne on 6 September 2004. At the meeting, the possibility that members of every

member society might be offered a 10 % discount on the registration fee to every other societies' events was discussed. If this goes ahead, it will provide a valuable benefit to all members of each of the twenty-three FEMS Member Societies.

Materials Congress 2006



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The Institute of Materials, Minerals and Mining has announced the dates for its 5th Materials Congress, which will be held in London on 5-7 April 2006. The event will again take place in and around its HQ in Carlton House Terrace.

www.iom3.org/congress

FEMS news

is available at the FEMS website (www.FEMS.org). It can be downloaded as a PDF file in screen resolution or as a ready-to-print PDF file. Thus FEMS news can be inserted in national materials science magazines.

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