

EPE 2005, Dresden, Germany: where university meets industry



About 900 delegates met in Dresden from 11 to 14 September, 2005 to discuss the latest developments and recent trends in Power Electronics and Applications. 42% of the participants were coming from the industry. The most represented countries were as follows: Germany (270), France (93), Japan (86), Great Britain (50), Spain (36), Poland (32), Italy (28), Switzerland (26), Netherlands (26), Belgium (22). 54 countries were represented.

A new initiative found its way in the wide programme of the conference: the industrial sessions. Devoted to the latest industrial information, i.e. the electrified powertrain and power devices, these invited

sessions were highly appreciated by the delegates who crowded the conference rooms pretty much. This experience has been passed to the next conference organisers and further information exchanges are sought for the future.

Keynotes enlightened the audience as to the ever widening application range of power electronic systems: automotive, power quality, nuclear physics, for example, to name just a few. Applications in the automotive industry were discussed in several lecture session, roundtable discussion sessions and workshops. Illustration of this topic was to be found at the entrance of the conference centre with the display of a hybrid electric vehicle.



As usual, workshops were overcrowded and the discussions had to be continued outside the conference rooms enjoying, why not, a glass of beer or wine.

It must also be said that the offered infrastructure harmed the dialogue sessions. There was not enough space to host the many dialogue papers and all the participants at the same time! Although, I know of at least one participant who was wise enough to advertise his paper: he walked out of the dialogue session, after closing time and "wet and happy" of the many discussions he had had. Anyway, the weather was fair and the city enjoyable.

As a conclusion for this short glimpse of such a large event, let me invite you to the next conference EPE 2007 that will take place from 2 to 5 September 2007 in Aalborg, Denmark. Mark your diary, the deadline for synopses will be November 2006!

Talking about synopses, did you already send your proposal to the EPE-PEMC 2006 Committee?

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