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The 12th International Conference on Quasicrystals was a satellite meeting of 28th European Crystallographic Meeting and was organized as a joint action of International Union of Crystallography and Committee of Crystallography at Polish Academy of Sciences.

## Preface

Since the discovery of quasicrystals was announced in the literature in 1984, the community of physicists, chemists, metallurgists, material scientists, and mathematicians involved in quasicrystals research met for the twelfth time. The triennial International Conference on Quasicrystals (ICQ) was held in Kraków, following previous meetings in Les Houches, Beijing, Vista-Hermosa, St. Louis, Avignon, Tokyo, Stuttgart, Bangalore, Ames, Zurich, and Sapporo.

The ICQ12 conference gathered 160 scientists from 22 countries working on quasicrystals and related topics. In total 56 talks were given (including 24 invited lectures) and 84 poster presentations were shown. A wide variety of subjects was covered during the conference, starting from structural investigations, surface studies, and physical properties to frontier topics like soft matter (colloids) or optical networks quasicrystals. Oral presentations were grouped in various scientific sessions:

- *Formation, growth, stability*
- *Surface and surface related*
- *Simulations nonmetallic/colloids*
- *Structure*
- *Engineering and technical*
- *Mathematics*
- *Mixed subjects (optical lattices, quasicrystals in silicon, phase transitions)*
- *Intermetallics — structure and properties*
- *Electronic and transport properties: theory and simulations*
- *Simulations — metallic*
- *Magnetism related*
- *Structure & stability*
- *Related topics (modulated structures, mechanical properties, hydrogenated quasicrystals)*

One session was fully dedicated to AGH University of Science and Technology Honorary Doctorate to Dan Shechtman, the Nobel Prize winner from 2011 for the discovery of quasicrystals. During the celebration, Jean-Marie Dubois, who was a co-promoter of the doctorate, presented a doctoral laudation and the Laureate gave a lecture. Dan Shechtman met also 500 pupils from high schools of the Kraków region to introduce them to the field of quasicrystals and give a message of encouragement to enter the scientific world.

Very interesting tutorial presentations on mathematical and physical-mechanical aspects of quasicrystals were given at the beginning of the conference. Among all talks given, some breakthroughs are worth mentioning, like quasicrystalline oxides surfaces grown on perovskite substrate, quasicrystalline optical networks (theoretical and experimental studies, optical band gap measurements), attempts to answer a key question on stabilization mechanism of quasicrystals (energy vs. entropy) by high-temperature diffraction experiments. Both young scientists and specialists in the field enjoyed the scientific quality of the conference a lot. The next ICQ will be held in Katmandu, Nepal, in 2016. Good luck!

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