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Preliminary data are in and it is clear to all that the 10th Joint MMM/Intermag Conference, held 7 - 11 January 2007 in Baltimore, Maryland, was a grand success. At last count, there were more than 1400 registrants. The conference featured, for the first time, a Web cafe at which registrants could have wireless access to the Internet. Julie Borchers, Conference General Chair, the Program Co-Chairs, Olle Heinonen and Peter Schiffer, and the entire conference team of volunteers are to be complimented on a very successful conference.



Student travel award winners



Best student paper finalists with Conference General Chair, Julie Borchers

**Notes from students' conference diaries**

**Sheetal Shetye, University of Florida:** Being at the 10th Joint MMM/INTERMAG conference was a wonderful experience. It gave me a chance to meet with a lot of people from all over the world working in the field of magnetism. Poster sessions were a good way of sharing information.

**Donald Scherer II, University of New Orleans:** In my case, coming to this conference reinvigorated me. Seeing so many different technologies, listening to so many speakers exude enthusiasm towards their particular fields of study, and interacting with other students, has opened my mind more than I had thought possible. I now have some new ideas of my own, and I can foresee myself branching into new areas of study that I had not even considered before. The bierstube events were very entertaining for me. I've never seen so many smart people drinking in one place before.

**Laura Giudici, Istituto Nazionale di Ricerca Metrologica, Italy:** This was the first conference I have attended and I appreciated it very much. The topic of my studies is magnetocaloric effect at room temperature. During the conference, I had the opportunity to meet other researchers. My discussion with them about our work was really useful, and may eventually result in some collaborations.

**Wonsuk Ko, University of Central Florida:** The complimentary coffee every morning woke me up to a brand new day of oral and poster sessions. From talking to people, I got information on job positions, trends in research, contacts and ideas for my study. The Internet and Networking Lounge provided me with a good opportunity to converse with other participants at the conference. The use of internet was free!

**Cosmin Radu, University of New Orleans:** I met students from different universities and from different countries. I noticed the ever growing presence of the work being done outside the US, especially in Japan, China and Korea. Another important point of interest for me was the equipment manufacturers' exhibition – the presentation by Quantum Design was impressive. The trip to Baltimore was fun and I enjoyed every moment. I visited the aquarium and admired the view for the Inner Harbor.

**Giancarlo Consolo, University of Messina, Italy:** I found it exciting and rewarding to receive comments during my poster presentation from several well-known scientists and researchers from all over the world. It is indeed a privilege for a student to attend such an international conference. All-in-all I found this conference a very enjoyable and useful experience, actually the best conference I have attended so far.

**Xiaosong Ji, University of Washington:** The meeting included diverse research areas in magnetism such as exchange bias, multilayers and superlattices, perpendicular recording, magnetic semiconductors, patterned structures, and nanoparticle synthesis and applications. Several talks were related to my research on exchange bias. I really learned a lot from them and got many ideas to pursue in my own work.

**Plenary Session**