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The seventh Asia-Pacific Drying Conference (ADC2011) was organized successfully under the leadership of Professor Zhanyong Li and Professor Wu Zhonghua of the Tianjin University of Science and Technology, Tianjin, China, from September 18 through September 20, 2011. The Conference was held at the Tianjin Saixiang Hotel. The Conference received 210 abstracts from authors from 30 countries and regions. After the revisions were carefully reviewed again, 159 full papers were published in the Conference Proceedings. Selected papers after journal peer reviews will be published in special issues of *Drying Technology* and the *International Journal of Food Engineering*.

There were 170 registered delegates from 23 countries and regions. The top five countries in terms of the number of delegates, except China (90), were Thailand (10), Japan (8), Malaysia (7), Iran (6) and Australia (5).

The conference was inaugurated in the presence of Zhang Junfang, the Vice Mayor of the city of Tianjin, Cao Xiaohong, the President of the Tianjin University of Science and Technology (TUST), Professor Arun S Mujumdar, the Founder and Honorary Chairman of the International Drying Symposium (IDS), and Professor Li Zhanyong, the Dean of College of Mechanical Engineering, TUST.

The main theme of ADC2011 was “Drying Technologies for a Sustainable Development Era” The detailed topics covered are:

- Fundamentals and theory
- Modeling and simulation
- Industrial processes and equipment
- Drying of particles
- Drying of food & agricultural products
- Drying of woods & paper
- Grain drying
- Drying of sludge
- Microwave drying
- Drying related processes and equipment

Professor Arun S. Mujumdar and Professor Li Jinghai of the Chinese Academy of Sciences delivered plenary lectures entitled “Innovation, R&D and Need for Academia-Industry Interaction” and “Real-time Simulation of Chemical Engineering Process – Dream or Reality?,” respectively. There were 9 invited keynote lectures by researchers from academia and industry from all over the world. Details can be found in the technical

program at the Conference website (<http://jxxy.tust.edu.cn/jixixueyuan/center/adc2011/index.asp>).

The Conference received generous sponsorships from various drying companies including Changzhou Fanqun Drying Equipment, Co. Ltd., Shandong Tianli Drying Equipment, Co. Ltd., Senttech Technology Group, Shijiazhuang Gongda Chemical Equipment, Co. Ltd., National Engineering Research Center of Drying Technology & Equipment (China) and Munters’ Moisture Control Services (MCS) Division. An award was sponsored by the World Forum of Crystallization, Filtration and Drying (WFCFD). Researchers were recognized during the Conference for their contributions to drying research, development, and R&D community service (see table).

TABLE
ADC2011 awards

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| Young Drying Scientist Award for Excellence in Drying R&D in the Asia-Pacific Region Innovation in Drying Technology Award | Dr. Chung Lim Law, University of Nottingham, Malaysia Campus Changzhou Fanqun Drying Equipment, Co. Ltd. (China) Shandong Tianli Drying Equipment, Co. Ltd. (China) |
| Outstanding Achievement in Drying R&D Award Special award from the Awards Committee of ADC2011 as a recognition of editorial work on “Modern Drying Technology” | Professor Hajime Tamon, Kyoto University (Japan) Professor Yongkang Pan, Professor Xizhong Wang, Professor Xiangdong Liu (China) |
| Taylor and Francis Award for Sustained Exemplary Service to <i>Drying Technology – An International Journal</i> and Excellence in Drying Research Contributions to the Journal | Professor Guohua Chen, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Hong Kong Professor Duu-Jong Lee, National Taiwan University (Taiwan) |

The Conference also granted the Arun S. Mujumdar Medal, a prestigious award, established by students, research associates and friends of the Drying Guru in his name, to recognize a person who has made outstanding contributions to drying R&D, mentoring younger generations and promoting drying research on a global scale. The medal was given at this time to Prof C.W. Cao of China. A picture of the Medal is available at the Conference website. The World Forum of Crystallization, Filtration and Drying (WFCFD), Mumbai, India commended Dr. Wu Zhonghua with a Young Researcher Career award for his outstanding contribution to drying and for successfully organizing ADC2011. Besides this, the award committee of ADC2011 selected the four best oral presentations and the three best poster presentations; the certificates were given during the closing ceremony.

Photos taken during the Conference will be made available online at the Conference website. The 8th Asia-Pacific Drying Conference (ADC2013) will be organized by Professor Wan Ramli Wan Daud of the University Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) and Dr. Chung Lim Law of the University of Nottingham University, Malaysia Campus, in 2013. The possible venue for the Conference is Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre (KLCC).

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