Dear IUVSTA Colleagues and Friends,

We are completing a very successful triennium and embarking on a new one. We are looking forward to a strong start at ECM 125 on 10 - 12 March 2017, Rogla, Slovenia, where we will consider committee and division reports and the first applications for workshops and schools.

Our success depends on your dynamic participation in IUVSTA activities.

We wish a joyful holiday season and a healthy, peaceful 2017!

Lars, Anouk, Mariano
Call for images and graphics to modernize the IUVSTA web-site

During IVC20 in Korea a collaborative project to modernize the IUVSTA web-site was launched. The goal is to make the web-site an effective tool for communication and to enhance the visibility of the Union and Member Societies’ activities.

This is a call for collecting your best images depicting experiments, techniques, samples, spectrometers, UHV/vacuum devices, working scientists, innovative applications etc. related to the IUVSTA scientific and technical domains.

Please send us illustrations that you have in your national societies, research laboratories, companies to be used in our upgraded web site.

**Note that the images have to be copy-right-free;** full credits to the authors will be given. Please, provide a brief caption describing the image.

Nice colors, nice shapes, nice photographic effects are very welcome!

**Best IUVSTA image contest!**

The best entries will be awarded during next ECM in Slovenia.

**Please send the images to anouk.galtayries@sfr.fr or via Dropbox.**

Thank you for the contributions thus far! (see sample images next page)

**Deadline extended till January 31, 2017!!**

IUVSTA web-site upgrade ad-hoc group:

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Image Contest Entries

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PRAGOVAC - 25

The 25th PRAGOVAC took place in the historical building of the Faculty of Mathematics and Physics of the Charles University in Prague, Malá Strana on the November 8-9. PRAGOVAC is the traditional meeting of users and producers of the vacuum instrumentation. PRAGOVAC is organized by Czech Vacuum Society (ČVS) every year in November since 1992 without interruption.

PRAGOVAC has become very popular in the Czech vacuum community and the 25-year history is a proof of it. PRAGOVAC brings many vacuum people together every year. The anniversary 25th PRAGOVAC attracted still more interest in the Czech vacuum community and among exhibitors and was more attended than regular PRAGOVAC meetings.

The list of registered companies:

ACTIVAIR, Agilent, COMVAT, Český metrologický institut, EDWARDS, Hositrad, HSR, HVM Plasma, CHROMSPEC, KURT J LESKER, MDC VACUUM, METALLIC TECHNOLOGIES, PFEIFFER VACUUM AUSTRIA, Q-TEST, SAES Group, SPECION, STREICHER, TEVAK, VAKUUM PRAHA, VAKUUM SERVIS, VAT

The Czech Vacuum Society highly appreciates that high officers of IUVSTA and National Vacuum Societies participated at PRAGOVAC-25. We were pleased to welcome the IUVSTA President elect Anouk Galtayries (representing also the French vacuum Society) and IUVSTA Secretary General Christoph Eisenmenger-Sittner. Christoph together with Manfred Leisch represented the Austrian Vacuum Society. Presidents and high officers represented also the Swiss Vacuum Society (Hans-Arno Synal), the Polish Vacuum Society (Leszek Markowski), the Italian Vacuum Society (Enrico Maccallini), the Slovak Vacuum Society (Marian Veselý) and the Czech Vacuum Society (Karel Mašek, Pavel Hedbávný and other ČVS officers). Last but not least we were honored by the presence of Spectabilis Jan Kratochvíl, Dean of Faculty of Mathematics and Physics of the Charles University. We are very grateful to the Faculty for the support of the Czech Vacuum Society. Jan Kratochvíl and Pavel Hedbávný opened the exhibition of vacuum companies accompanying PRAGOVAC. Fifteen lectures were given in three sessions of the PRAGOVAC seminar in two days.

We want to express our gratitude for attendance of the honorable guests and for their friendly evaluation of PRAGOVAC meetings and the activity of Czech Vacuum Society in general.

Pavel Hedbávný
Czech Vacuum Society
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