

IVC-21
Malmö July 1-5 2019

IVC-21 was organized in collaboration with ICSS-17, ICN+T 2019 and NanoForum 2019. The conference was held at Malmö Live in central Malmö and consisted of a Scientific Program, which included seven topical areas (Nano & ICNT+T, Thin films, Surface Science, Semiconductor materials and Devices, Vacuum technology, Materials and Life sciences, and Large scale facilities), an Industrial/Sponsor Exhibition, a Short Course section, and a visit to the synchrotron MAX4 and the European Spallation Source (ESS). A dinner for Invited speakers in the Malmö Town Hall and a Conference Banquet was also included.

Around 800 persons from 41 countries and 30 companies/sponsors attended the conference. The geographic distribution among the participants was: Europe – 64 %, Asia – 23 %, North America – 4 %, Middle East – 1 %, Australia - < 1 %, South America - < 1 %, Africa - < 1 %, Others - 6 %.

There were in total 668 scientific presentations of which 8 were Plenary talks, 85 Invited talks, 268 Oral talks and 307 Posters.

Financially the IVC-21 turned out to give, in total, an almost zero net result. This includes the Donation of 40.000 SF to IUVESTA and a small negative result on the “Short Courses”.

Some observations regarding registration patterns: Of the participants 20% were students most of which made an “Early registration”. The regular participants registered as follows; “Early registration” 50%, “Regular registration” 25 %, and “On-site registration” 5%.

Another observation is that the Conference dates (1-5 July) was very unfortunate from a national perspective since the yearly biggest Swedish political/industrial/regional/lobbying event was held the same week making it very difficult to attract Swedish Exhibitors. It is also the week when the National Day in US is celebrated which might (?) explain the relative low number of US participants.

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