

Conference Comments by the Editors

THE 15th International Conference on Inorganic Scintillators and Their Applications (SCINT 2019) was organized by Tohoku University, and held in Sendai, Japan, September 29–October 4, 2019. A total of 246 colleagues from 24 different countries finally participated in the conference. The program consisted of seven keynote invited and four invited lectures, and 61 oral and 88 poster contributions. Extended exhibitions with 12 exhibitor stands altogether provided another link to the market applications behind the research. An intense and structured research and development in the field of scintillators was represented by 13 sessions oriented toward various material technologies, including nanomaterials, metamaterials, and classical bulk single crystals and optical ceramics. Their characterization, modeling, and underlying physical mechanisms description constituted the subject of the major part of conference contributions. Finally, various applications of inorganic scintillators were also presented and discussed.

To support newcomers and the education of the young scientific generation in this field, a three-day lasting SCINT Summer School (September 26–28): “Scintillating Materials and Their Applications,” was organized prior to the SCINT conference with an audience of nearly 20 colleagues. Lectures were given by recognized experts in the field of scintillators. Practical training regarding the crystal growth by the micropulling down technique and crystals cutting and polishing was also conducted.

The organizers gratefully acknowledge a generous sponsorship of four industrial companies. Thanks to their contribution to the conference including its scientific part as well as social events, it was an enjoyable experience.

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