

## 2016 ICDD SPRING MEETINGS WEEK SUMMARY

The ICDD had a successful 2016 Spring Meetings Week from March 14th to 18th. Fifty-nine of the 317 ICDD's Members attended the Meetings and represented 16 countries.

Early on Tuesday, everyone enjoyed the Plenary talks by T. N. Guru Row, Tim Fawcett, Ihor Zavaliy, and Chris Gilmore.

This year's Poster Event took place at the Concordville Inn Gold Ballroom, located in Concordville, Pennsylvania. There were a total of 37 posters. Seventeen ICDD employees authored or coauthored a poster. There was great competition for the Poster Awards.

Congratulations to Aderemi Babatunde Alabi for his third place win, Shifeng Jin for his second place poster, and Charlene Greenwood for her first place win for her poster "FRACTURE PREDICTIVE MODEL BASED ON BONE QUALITY ASSESSED USING X-RAY DIFFRACTION" poster.

The evening continued with a champagne toast to honor the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ICDD before the buffet dinner. Spirits were high when the Board of Directors' play money was exchanged for chips at the Casino Night set up in the Concordville hall. The staff and membership played Roulette, Blackjack, and Baccarat games. Vanessa Peterson was the virtual biggest winner, making most of her "money" on the Craps table.

Wednesday meetings were well attended, with meetings of the many ICDD subcommittees including PDF Editorial Staff Subcommittee, Scholarship, X-ray Diffraction Methods, X-ray Fluorescence Subcommittee, Metals & Alloys, Micro and Meso, Education, Ceramics, Polymers, Minerals, Electron Diffraction, Synchrotron & Neutron Scattering Methods, Non-Ambient Diffraction, and Organic & Pharmaceutical Subcommittee.

During the New Product Developments meeting on Thursday morning, Justin Blanton, Engineering and Design Manager, unveiled the latest features for the 2016 PDF products.

All the week's work came together with the Technical Committee Meeting, overseen by Matteo Leoni. There were reports from the Regional Co-chairs, and motions from the various subcommittees. These directives ultimately make the ICDD database better and add functionality for our customers.

On Thursday afternoon, ICDD Chairman, Scott Misture, presided over the Annual Members Meeting. Raymond Goehner watched his Distinguished Fellow Award recipient announcement over the streaming video feed while Andrew Roberts accepted his Distinguished Fellow Award at headquarters.

The McMurdie Award was given posthumously to Ann Sabina. Friend and colleague, Andrew Roberts, accepted and spoke of her dedication to improving the quality and uniqueness of the Minerals Subfile through her volunteer efforts.

Vyacheslav Baumer from State Scientific Institute for Single Crystals in the Ukraine was given the Distinguished Grantee award. Grant-in-Aid Committee Chair, Graciela de Delgado, received it in his honor.

ICDD Executive Director, Tim Fawcett, reviewed Headquarters' Activity. There were reports of selected Board of Directors' Committees. Tom Blanton, Co-chair of the Denver X-ray Committee, gave the

2015/2016 Denver X-ray Conference Report and Jim Kaduk reported on the Finance Committee. Matteo Leoni gave his last report as Chair of the Technical Committee.

The meetings ended with the unveiling and appreciation of the new Board. Congratulations to Chairman – Matteo Leoni; Vice Chairman – Xiaolong Chen; Treasurer - James Kaduk; Corporate Secretary - Theresa Maguire; Executive Director - Timothy Fawcett, Chairman; Technical Committee – Mark Rodriguez; Directors-at-Large (2014-2018): Jeffrey Dann, Robert Papoular; Directors-at-Large (2016-2020): Robert Dinnebier, Takashi Ida, and David Rafaja.

Scott Mixture will continue on the board as Past Chairman. He was christened “Wizard of ICDD” with the gift of a dragon staff.

Thank you for another successful year! Members learned about ICDD’s educational events, database and product developments over the past year, and reconnected with one another.

Please see the ICDD website ([www.icdd.com](http://www.icdd.com)) for all the Plenary and Poster Session abstracts and other information on the ICDD Spring Meetings.