

2014 GCCCD Annual Conference

The 2014 GCCCD Annual Conference of Gemeinschaft Chinesischer Chemiker und Chemieingenieure in Deutschland e.V. (GCCCD) was held successfully on 4th–5th October in nH Hotel Alexanderplatz in Berlin with about 100 scholars focusing on the field of chemistry and industry around Germany. It was hosted by GCCCD (VR 17428, Cologne) and co-organized by the Educational Department of the Chinese Embassy in Germany. In addition, the conference has also received supports from other institutions, which are BASF, Lubrizol, MERCK, Dehua Travel Service, Sigma-Aldrich, Spider Software GmbH, SinoJobs and Misterja. On behalf of the conference organizing committee, Dr. Jianwei Tong as the Conference Chairman addressed the opening session with a warm welcome to all the participants of the conference. Furthermore, Mr. Qi Dong and Mr. Yunhua Lou, serving as the Minister Counsellor of the Educational Department of the Chinese Embassy in Germany and the First Secretary respectively, were also invited to give speeches.

In the 5 sessions, 20 excellent academic reports and 2 enterprise reports were given by outstanding scholars from all over Germany. The presentations included the latest research in Organic Chemistry, Inorganic Chemistry, Physical Chemistry, Analytic Chemistry, Nano Energy, Biochemistry and some other chemistry-related topics. It was worthy to note that above 90% participants were young doctors and post-doctors, showing a young and energetic feature. They shared their excellent academic achievements and valuable scientific research experience with others in fluent English, revealing a positive spirit towards their professional language, academic accomplishment and research capacity. Also it was the first time to have a poster section for academic exchange. Finally, Mr. Rongchao Pan (University of Duisburg-Essen), Miss Yu Qiao (Technical University of Dortmund) and Mr. Xunhua Zhao (Technical University of Berlin) were rewarded as the best posters. Thus the annual conference was proceeded in a warm and educated academic atmosphere with some inspiring exchanges and discussions.

This year the committee established the “GCCCD Young Researchers Award” for the first time. This would be pre-selected by professors in German universities as the jury, combined by notes from GCCCD Working Group, aiming to encourage young excellent chemistry and chemical-engineering researchers in Germany. After a grueling campaign, Mr. Jun Zhang (University of Cologne) won the first prize, Mr. Gengwen Tan (Technical University of Berlin) and Dr. Zhenglong Zhang (Leibniz Institute of Photonic Technology) both got the second prize.

In the closing session on 5th October, Minister Counsellor Mr. Qi Dong and First Secretary Mr. Yunhua Lou were invited to award the 1st GCCCD Young Researchers Chemistry Award and Best Poster Prizes respectively. Minister Counsellor Mr. Qi Dong has given a positive affirmation of the committee’s work and admired the vital efforts for enhancing the international cooperation with its peer institutions by developing international academic exchange and communication. He also encouraged the members of the GCCCD committee to apply actively “National Merit Scholarship” and “Nation-building Project a High-Level Overseas Graduate Students Selected Approach”. He indicated that the Educational Department of the Chinese Embassy in Germany would continue to fully support GCCCD in its implementation of the international academic communication, and also would provide a good opportunity for some outstanding researchers to return China through the “Thousand Talents Program”, “Young people plan”, “Changjiang Scholars Program” and “Chunhui Program”. Meanwhile, he also expressed his will to strengthen the contact and coordination between the Educational

Department of the Chinese Embassy and GCCCD, and would like to share more related information.

Afterwards, the campaign of new committee members were also carried out successfully, consisting of Dr. Jianwei Tong as the Chairman, Dr. Yanze Ren as the Vice Chairman, Dr. Xiaoyan Cao as the Treasurer, Miss Yu Qiao as the Secretary, Mr. Qingfu Zhu, Dr. Hongchu Du and Dr. Lisong Xiao. Dr. Lisong Xiao, the former Chairman, and Dr. Xiaoyan Cao stated their reports on committee's work and financial situation, respectively. Finally, Dr. Jianwei Tong as the new elected Chairman indicated that the committee will be adhering to its purpose and constantly improving various rules and regulations to better serve all of the committee members.

More information please refer to the website: www.gcccd-ev.de

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