

IMPI-51 Symposia Highlights

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Seventy-six attendees from 15 countries converged on the Sonesta Hotel in Coconut Grove, Miami, Florida, to take part in IMPI's 51st Annual Microwave Power Symposium (IMPI 51), June 20-22, 2017.

The symposia kicked off with a heavily attended short course on Industrial RF and Microwave Applications, taught by John F. Gerling of Gerling Consulting Inc., Glenn Blaker of PSC, Inc., and Bob Schiffmann of R.F. Schiffmann Associates Inc.. Beginning Tuesday afternoon, Dr. Klaus Werner of the RF Energy Alliance chaired a Solid-State Spotlight Session which featured a lineup of speakers, and concluded with a lively panel discussion (Fig. 1a). Attendees ended the first day with a Welcome Reception on the roof of the hotel, overlooking the Biscayne Bay. There was a live cooking demonstration by Jennipher Marshall-Jenkinson who leads the MTA-UK, who prepared 4 meals using only her microwave oven.

Wednesday morning began with a keynote address by Dr. Mehul Doshi of the University of Miami, Miller School of Medicine. Concurrent technical sessions, a networking luncheon, poster and exhibitor sessions, and a group dinner at a local Cuban-inspired restaurant rounded out the second day.

Thursday began with the highly anticipated Food Safety session, which included a keynote by Dr. Michael Davidson of the University of

Tennessee. A Microwave Standards panel discussion followed.

During the closing ceremony, Hermine Tertrais of France won Best Oral Presentation by a Student (Fig. 1b), and Punit Ravi Raj of India received the award for Best Poster Presentation by a Student (Fig. 1c). Technical Program Co-Chairman, Dr. Graham Brodie, presented both Tertrais and Raj a certificate, \$100 cash prize and a 1-year student membership to IMPI.

The closing ceremony of IMPI 51 also included the announcement about IMPI 52. IMPI 52 will take place at the Hilton in Long Beach, California, USA from June 27-29, 2018. Dr. Graham Brodie of the University of Melbourne and Dr. Ric Gonzalez of Conagra Brands have agreed to stay on board to serve as the Technical Program Co-Chairmen. Dr. Ulrich Erle of Nestle has accepted the invitation to serve as the Food Science & Technology Committee Chairman. The Call for Papers for IMPI 52 will be released by September 15 (see www.impi.org).

About the Author



Molly Poisant has served as the Executive Director of the Int'l Microwave Power Institute (IMPI) since 2010. She has over 20 years of experience in event operations, business development, legislative affairs and sponsorship sales having worked for two former Governors and several U.S. and international technology conferences. She received her Bachelor's degree in Political Science from Longwood University.



Figure 1: (a) The solid-state panel, (b) Hermine Tertrais, Student Winner Oral Presentation, and (c) Punit Ravi Raj, Student Winner Poster Presentation, with Dr. Graham Brodie.