

OMCOS-16 Symposium Report

The 16th IUPAC International Symposium on Organometallic Chemistry Directed Towards Organic Synthesis (OMCOS 16) was jointly organized by Shanghai Institute of Organic Chemistry (SIOC, CAS) and East China Normal University in Shanghai, China during the period of July 24 (Sunday)-28 (Thursday), 2011 at the Shanghai International Convention Center. This venue is located in the heart of the Lujiazui-Shanghai Financial and Trade Zone and adjacent to the Oriental Pearl TV Tower facing the multi-national styles of architecture along the Bund across the Huangpu River, nicely showing part of the history and the dynamic nature of China at this moment.



This was the first OMCOS conference to be held in mainland of China. Both of us were a little bit nervous on the task of organizing this event. Thus, we spent nearly one year working wholeheartedly on this project and finally bring it to fruition.



Reading the “Magic Moments from OMCOS 1-15” after registration

Due to the business schedule of Prof. Ei-ichi Negishi, the Noble laureate for chemistry in 2010, we had to invite him to deliver his lecture right after the reception in the evening of July 24. This first session was chaired by his long time friend Prof. Lipshutz.



Prof. Lipshutz chairing the lecture of Prof. Negishi on July 24

The conference was officially opened by Prof. Shengming Ma on July 25 with Professor Peter Kündig presenting IUPAC in entertaining form, a task he said to have never done before and is not likely to do again.

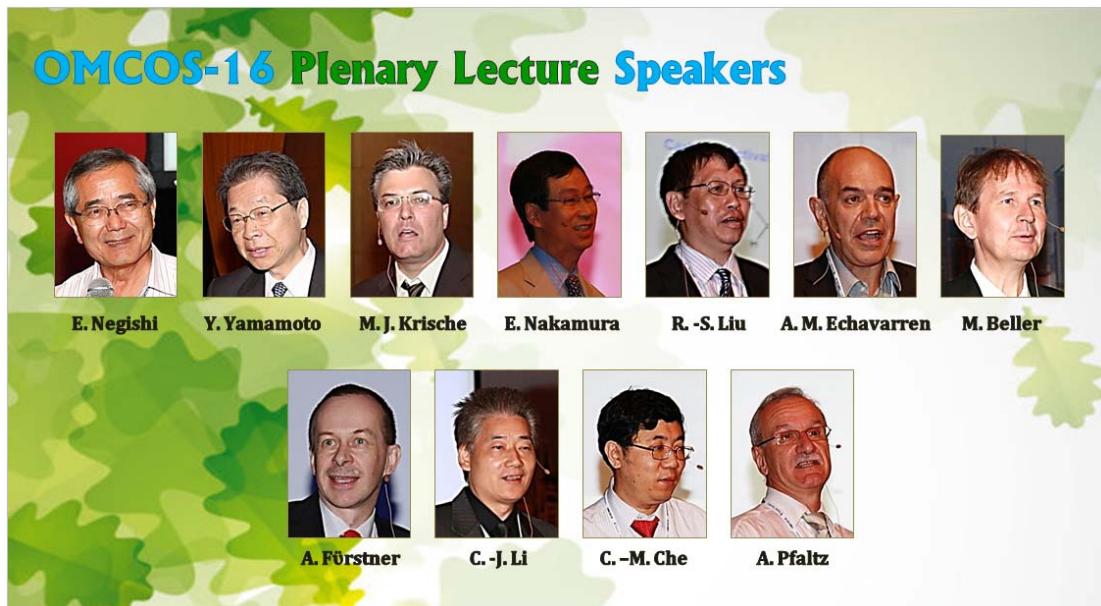


Prof. Shengming Ma delivering the opening remark on the symposium



Prof. Peter Kündig presenting IUPAC
The scientific program included 11 plenary lectures, 13 invited lectures, 12 oral

presentations, one OMCOS Award Lecture (sponsored by Springer Verlag and the Yen-Chuang Foundation), and one OBC Award Lecture (sponsored by Royal Society of Chemistry). Prof. Frank Glorius from Universität Münster received the OMCOS Award, and Prof. Michael C. Willis from the University of Oxford received the OBC Award.





Frank Glorius delivering the OMCOS Award lecture

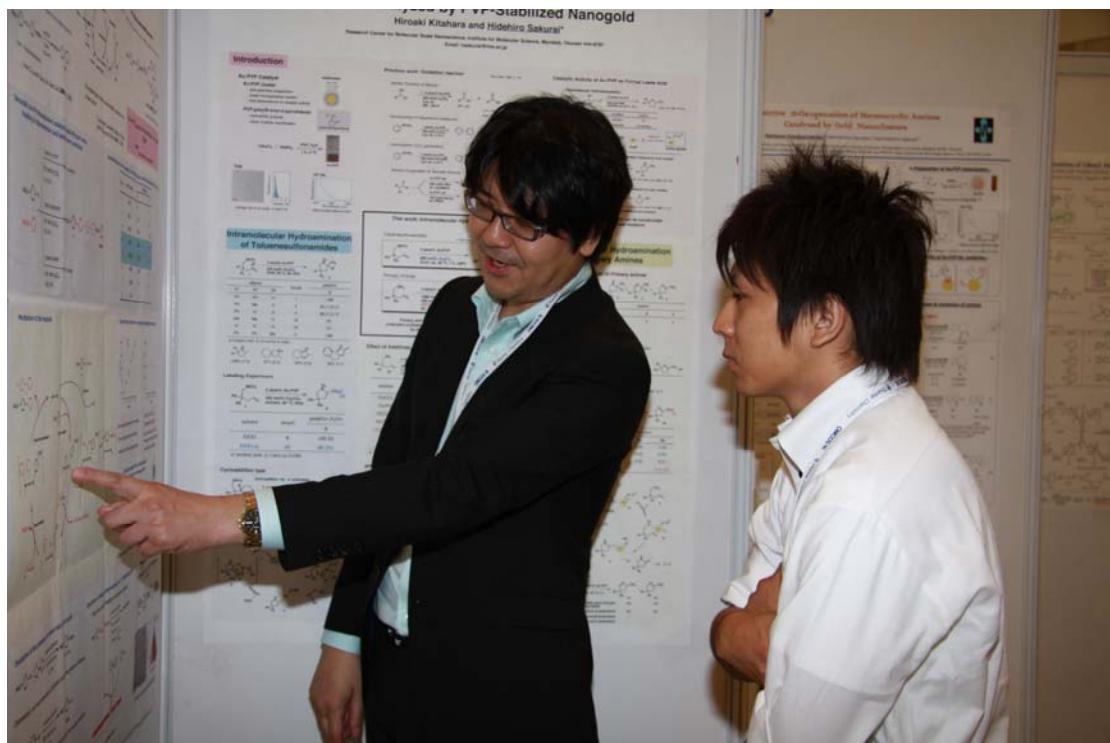
These lectures and posters were attended by 993 participants from 21 countries and areas.



An exciting attendance to the lectures

In addition to these well-received lectures, this symposium also organized extensive poster sessions comprising 507 posters of remarkably high quality. On the basis of assessment by the distinguished international committees, 20 posters were awarded with the OMCOS-16 Poster Prizes, sponsored by Henkel, Wiley, IUPAC, Thieme, the Royal Society of Chemistry, and Elsevier.





Peter Kündig Presenting the Poster Awards

The Conference Dinner was held on July 27 at the Seagull Hall with delicious Chinese food. After enjoying the food, our distinguished guests started to bring the culture from their own countries to the conference by telling funny stories and singing songs.



On July 28, both of us were glad to observe that everything went smoothly to the end with the story to be continued by Prof. Rovis at Colorado in US, where the conference series started back in 1981. The concluding ceremony, which included the poster awards ceremony, was chaired by Prof. Kuiling Ding.



Prof. Ding chairing the closing ceremony



Prof. Dixneuf making the concluding remarks



The closing ceremony with sincere thanks to the large number of faculty and students whose help made OMCOS 16 a successful event.

Shengming Ma and Kuiling Ding