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Session 15, LED Applications chaired by Julius A Muschaweck, OSRAM AG (Germany), saw excellent papers on optimization of LED primary optics, and a paper by Julius Muschaweck covering the development of standardized light sources ray file format, which will prove to be of significant help to researchers in illumination.

A Tutorial on Illumination optimization using angle to position mapping was well attended and well received. The considerable expertise and insight shown by the author William J Cassarly, Synopsys, was a privilege to hear.

Session 16, Illumination Applications, included four insightful papers, the first two: Analytic free-form lens design for tracking integration in concentrating photovoltaics, followed by the discussion of Novel lateral moving tracking optics with the SMS design method, were complimentary and were presented in considerable detail by Fabian Duerr, Vrije Univ. Brussel (Belgium) and Pablo Benítez, Univ. Politécnica de Madrid (Spain)

Session 17, LED Coupling

LED's are a growing and exciting area of investigation. The papers presented in this session were all of a high standard with the inclusion of an invited paper by Oliver Dross, Philips Research (Netherlands) discussing the Investigation of the design space for low aspect ratio LED collimators.

Session 18, Design of Freeform Surfaces

The freeform optics papers presented illustrated clearly the increasing design advantages obtainable from the use of Freeform Surfaces. We anticipate continuing and surprising innovations from this exciting field of research.

Session 19, Optical Modelling

The session on optical modeling brought together some very interesting and diverse subjects in the field of optical modeling. We were pleased to have papers here from Japan, Spain, the Russian Federation and the United States.

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Two papers by Daniel Vázquez-Molini and colleagues particularly drew my personal interest, as an art aficionado. The first, Controlling daylight illumination in cultural heritage buildings by using thin film and thermographic technologies, and the second a Study of chromatic variations between metameres by varying the lighting in the painting "Boy in a turban holding nosegay" by Michiel Sweerts. The discussion and results for both papers hold considerable value in the conservation of our buildings and paintings.

There is no doubt that illumination optics continues and will continue to develop and to assist all of us, whether we are pedestrians walking under street lights, driving our automobiles, watching TV, answering our smart phones or patients in a hospital. Today's illumination scientists and engineers are continuously bringing us new and creative implementations for that human visionary portion of the electromagnetic spectrum we call light. We look forward, with your help and support, to continuing to bring our community the latest and greatest illumination developments in our next European Illumination Optics conference scheduled for 2015.

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