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The 2016 conference on Emerging Liquid Crystal Technologies XI (ELCT-XI) provided a forum for academic and industrial scientists and engineers to present highimpact scientific and technological research on recent advances in materials, devices, and applications. Numerous emerging topics on liquid crystal science and technology have taken advantage of unique anisotropic properties of liquid crystal materials to significantly improve the performance of existing devices or create new devices.

The topics of ELCT-XI included: Optical Control and Modulations, Blue Phase and Applications, Optical Manipulation and Imaging, Lenses and Spatial Light Modulators, Photo-Alignment and Photo-active Materials, Electro-Optical Processes, and Novel Photonic Materials. The conference featured keynote, invited, topical oral, and poster papers.

We hope you had stimulating and enjoyable experiences at Emerging Liquid Crystal Technologies XI at Photonics West 2016 in San Francisco, California!

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