

## Piezoelectrics for End Users II: From electroactive materials to multifunctional integrated devices

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The field of piezoelectric materials continues to develop with new materials, processing and applications being developed. The Piezoelectrics for End Users conference series aims to keep the piezo-community informed of the latest developments in this rapidly changing field.

The Piezoceramics for End Users II conference was held in Hafjell, Norway between the 5th and 8th of March 2006. We were honoured, with our Norwegian colleagues from SINTEF, to organise this international conference on piezoelectric materials, processing and integrated devices and to bring together a wealth of internationally renowned experts, from Europe, the US and Asia, to present on these topics.

The conference was attended by approximately 100 people with 34 oral presentations, including 10 plenary/invited speakers, and 44 poster presentations on a diverse range of subjects spanning from the fundamentals of piezoelectricity, new materials and processing routes, and through to end applications.

The conference was organised jointly by Cranfield University, UK, and SINTEF, Norway, and was the second in the successful series of Piezoelectrics of End Users conferences organised by the European Institute on Piezo-

electric Materials and Devices (PiezoInstitute) and the EC networks POLECER and MIND.

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