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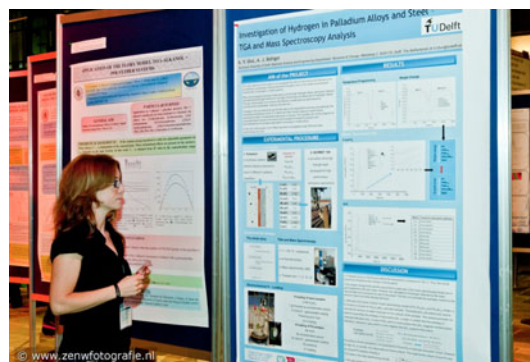
It looks as a large event, with a long time of preparation, and after 5 days it is history..... That's a bit the feeling as conference chairman after a successful event, where it was possible to talk with many friends and colleagues from the thermal analysis community. From 23 to August 28 TNO Defence, Security and Safety, in cooperation with the Dutch thermal analysis society TAWN organised the 10th ESTAC Conference in De Doelen in Rotterdam.

During the openings ceremony short talks were given by Don Burlett (president of ICTAC), Rosa Nomen (secretary of the ESTAC), Paul van Ekeren (chairman of TAWN), Guy Van den Mooter (board of TAWN), Huub Keizers (representative of TNO) and Michiel Boerman (Harbour Police of Rotterdam). Mr. Boerman gave no scientific talk, but an interesting talk about the history of the harbour of Rotterdam and especially the grow in activities for the harbour police.



The program consisted of 4½ days of scientific presentations and a tour through the harbour of Rotterdam. During this tour also Mr. Michiel Boerman of the harbour police was there to give an enthusiastic explanation of the on-going activities.

The successful conference was attended by around 240 participants from more than 25 countries. In total about 100 presentations. Besides the lectures there was a poster session with a number of roughly 100 posters.



On the first day, a reception was organised by the host city. So in the early evening we walked to the famous City Hall of Rotterdam to have a reception.



A kind of tradition is to have a symposium dinner at a special location. For Rotterdam, the organizers decided to go for a conference dinner in the Laus Church in Rotterdam. The location was transformed in cooperation with a caterer in a beautiful dinner location. A well appreciated location for the dinner by the participants.



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