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## Liquid Crystals: Science meets Art



Dr Ingo Dierking organised an exhibition of liquid crystal textures, to explore the meeting of the Science and Arts in the field of Liquid Crystals and aimed to promote Scientific research to the general public. It was held from 6<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> August 2008 at the “Weißer Turm”, the “White Tower”. This is a landmark in the city of Darmstadt, Germany, the hub of Scientific and Technical research institutes. Aptly, Darmstadt is the location of the head office of Merck, the company providing 60% of all liquid crystals to the world market.

The exhibition well received and sparked the interest of the public attending. It handled the basics of liquid crystals and their textures, as well as their functionality in displays and possible non-display applications. Furthermore, their application to general Physics in growth and coarsening phenomena, defect annihilation dynamics and chirality effects, among others, was covered.

*Mario Müller (of the former Heppke group in Berlin) gave the introductory speech at the vernissage, with sponsorship from the publisher Wiley-VCH.*



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