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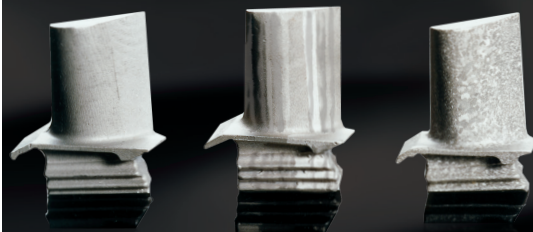
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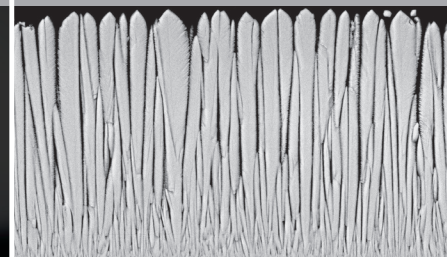
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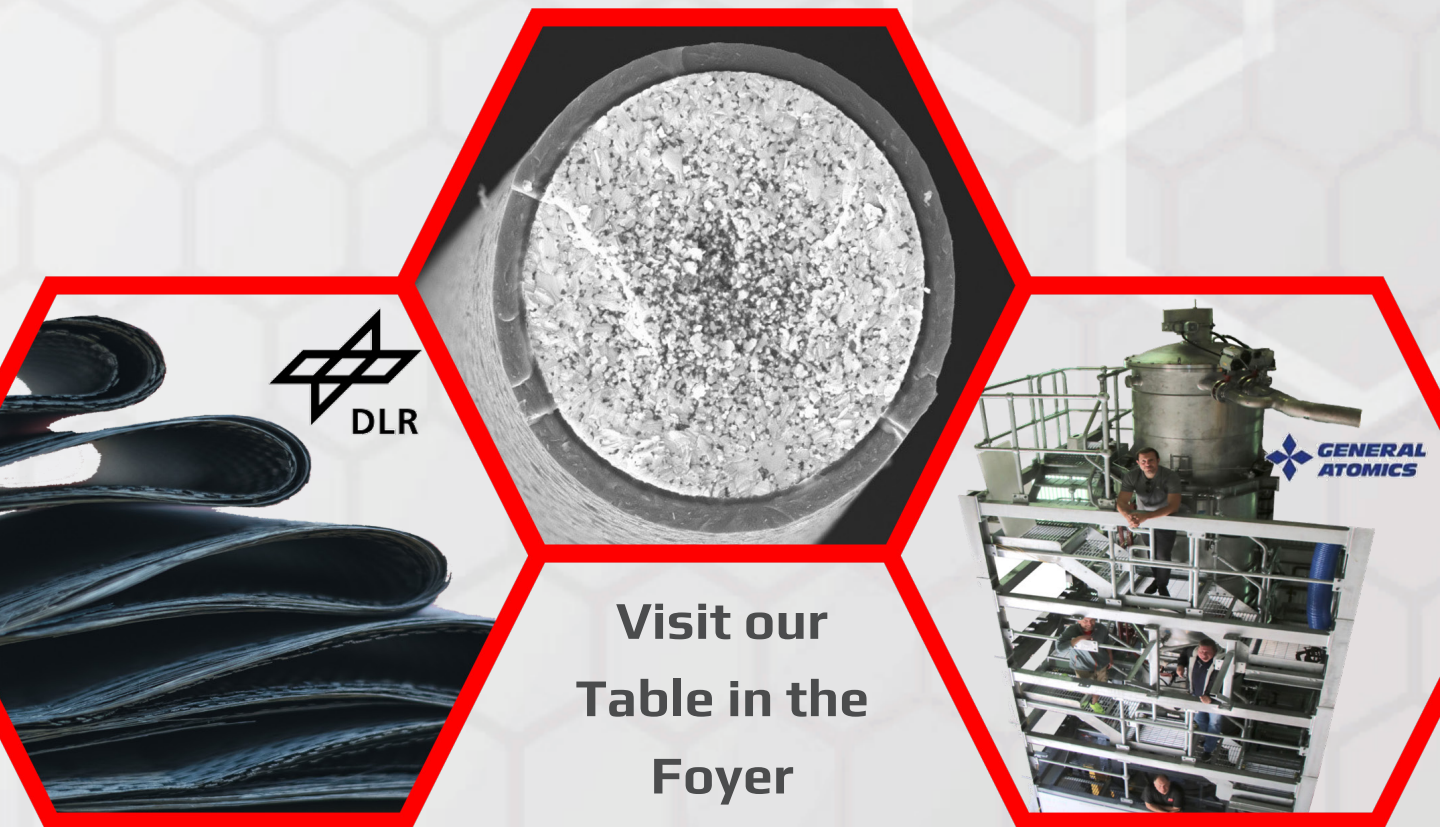
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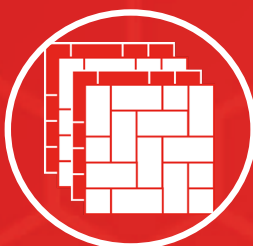


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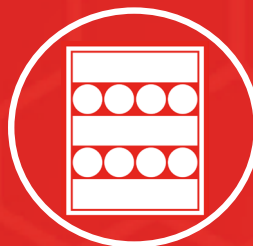
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18:30 – 20:30	Reception (with music from local Native American musician, Sky Redhawk) followed by Dinner

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Monday, November 14, 2022

- 07:00 – 08:30 Breakfast
- 08:30 – 08:45 **Opening Remarks**
Conference Chair and ECI Liaison: Ram Darolia
- Session 1: Overviews and Applications**
Chairs: Marc Montaudon, Eric Bouillon
- 08:45 – 09:15 **Ceramic Matrix Composites (CMCs) at GE: From inception to commercialization**
Krishan Luthra, GE Research, USA
- 09:15 – 09:45 **Industrialization of ceramic matrix composites for aerospace applications**
Mano Manoharan, GE Aviation, USA
- 09:45 – 10:15 **Development of ceramic matrix composites for 2500°F turbine engine applications**
Olivier Sudre, Pratt & Whitney, USA
- 10:15 – 10:45 Coffee Break
- 10:45 – 11:15 **Brief overview of CMCs engine components experiments coupled with representative sub-element tests**
Eric Bouillon, Safran Ceramics, France
- 11:15 – 11:45 **Multi-scale study of ceramic composite materials for aeronautical applications**
Sébastien Denneulin, Safran Ceramics, France
- 11:45 – 12:15 **SiC/SiC ceramic matrix composite – A turbine engine perspective**
Thomas Nixon, Rolls-Royce Corporation, USA
- 12:15 – 12:45 **Development of CMC for nuclear fuel components**
Toshiki Nishimura, Toshiba Energy Systems & Solutions Corporation, Japan
- 12:45 – 14:15 Lunch
- Session 1: Overviews and Applications (continued)**
Chairs: Yutaka Kagawa, Takeshi Nakamura
- 14:15 – 14:45 **International reliability assessment project through standard PateranoSiC(SiC/SiC)**
Chikara Fujiwara, Tokyo University of Technology, Japan
- 14:45 – 15:15 **Overview of CMC activities: From high temperature characterization to applications**
Guillaume Pujol, DGA, France
- 15:15 – 15:45 **Industrial application of all oxide ceramic matrix composites**
Walter Pritzkow, Walter E.C. Pritzkow Spezialkeramik, Germany
- 15:45 – 16:15 Coffee Break

Monday, November 14, 2022 (continued)

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| 16:15 – 16:45 | Advances and technical challenges in development of CMC
Takeshi Nakamura, IHI Corporation, Japan |
| 16:45 – 17:15 | Current trends in CMC research & development across DLR's technology programs
Peter Mechnich, German Aerospace Center (DLR), Germany |
| 17:15 – 18:15 | Discussion
Leader: Frank Zok |
| 18:30 – 20:00 | Dinner |
| 20:00 – 21:00 | Poster Session / Social Hour |

Tuesday, November 15, 2022

07:00 – 08:30 Breakfast

Session 2: Processing and Characterization

Chairs: Krishan Luthra, Dietmar Koch

08:30 – 09:00 **Multiphysics modeling of ceramic-matrix composites processing by thermal-gradient chemical vapor infiltration**
Gerard Vignoles, University of Bordeaux, LCTS, France

09:00 – 09:30 **In-situ observation and multi-physics simulation of reactive melt Infiltration of silicon melt into SiC-C Preform**
Takeshi Yoshikawa, The University of Tokyo, Japan

09:30 – 10:00 **Processing and characterization of layered UHTCMCs reinforced with continuous or discontinuous carbon fibers**
Antonio Vinci, National Research Council of Italy, CNR-ISTEC, Italy

10:00 – 10:30 Coffee Break

10:30 – 11:00 **Processing, performance and process modeling of preceramic polymers**
Thomas Key, Air Force Research Laboratory, USA

11:00 – 11:30 **Effect of matrix porosity and prepreg-tack on mechanical properties and processing of oxide ceramic matrix composites**
Stefan Schafföner, University of Bayreuth, Germany

11:30 – 12:00 **CVI manufacturing routes of non-oxide CMCs**
Ryan Skillett, Archer Technicoat Ltd., United Kingdom

Session 3: Physical and Mechanical Property Testing and Characterization

Chair: Ken Goto, Michael Cinibulk

12:00 – 12:30 **Small-scale testing of ceramic matrix composites**
Oriol Gavalda-Diaz, Imperial College London, United Kingdom

12:30 – 13:00 **Simulation assisted study on structural degradation in advanced SiC/SiC CMC component during high-temperature fatigue**
Eiichi Sato, ISAS/JAXA, Japan

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 Free time / Explore Santa Fe on your own

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Wednesday, November 16, 2022

07:00 – 08:30 Breakfast

Session 3: Physical and Mechanical Property Testing and Characterization (continued)

Chairs: Ken Goto, Michael Cinibulk

08:30 – 09:00 **Multicriteria optimization as enabler for Sustainable Ceramic Matrix Composites (SCMC)**
Dietmar Koch, University of Augsburg, Germany

09:00 – 09:30 **Cumulative fracture behavior of short fiber type C/SiC**
Ken Goto, Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency, Japan

09:30 – 10:00 **Fragmentation, sliding and interface degradation in SiC/SiC composites**
Frank Zok, UC Santa Barbara, USA

10:00 – 10:30 Coffee Break

10:30 – 11:00 **A method for estimating constitutive properties of a C/C-SiC composite materials based on a Brazilian disc specimen**
Royi Padan, Tel-Aviv University, Israel

11:00 – 11:30 **Utilizing the electrical properties of non-oxide ceramic composites to diagnose damage development, test conditions and defects**
Gregory Morscher, University of Akron, USA

11:30 – 12:00 **Detection of damage evolution in SiC/SiC under tensile loading using Talbot-Lau X-ray interferometer**
Yoshihisa Tanaka, Tokyo University of Technology, Japan

12:00 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 14:30 **Microscale characterization of CMCs using 3D tomography techniques and machine learning algorithms to quantify and correlate initial microstructure to damage evolution**
Ashley Hilmas, Air Force Research Lab, USA

14:30 – 14:50 **Micro-scale observation of cracking in SiC/BN/SiC ceramic matrix composites**
Kaitlin Detwiler, Air Force Research Laboratory, USA

Session 4: Modeling and Simulation

Chairs: Gerard Vignoles, Gregory Morscher

14:50 – 15:20 **Lifetime prediction of self-healing ceramic-matrix composites using a multi-physics image-based model**
Guillaume Couégnat, CNRS, France

15:20 – 15:50 **Models for subcritical crack growth during static fatigue of SiC fiber in air and steam**
Randall Hay, USAF/AFRL, USA

15:50 – 16:20 Coffee Break

Wednesday, November 16, 2022 (continued)

16:20 – 17:20	Discussion Leader: Olivier Sudre
17:20 – 19:00	Free time / Networking
19:00 – 21:30	Reception and Banquet

Thursday, November 17, 2022

07:00 – 08:30 Breakfast

Session 4: Modeling and Simulation (continued)

Chairs: Gerard Vignoles, Gregory Morscher

08:30 – 09:00 **Generation and evaluation of 3D digital twin of ceramic matrix composites using deep convolutional neural networks**
Naohiro Shichijo, Hitotsubashi University, Japan

09:00 – 09:30 **Nonlinear continuum damage models for ceramic matrix composites with significant in plane ply anisotropy**
Craig Przybyla, Air Force Research Laboratory, USA

09:30 – 10:00 **Proposition and validation of a damage and failure approach for 3D woven composite materials with ceramic matrix: From elementary coupons to composite structures**
Frédéric Laurin, ONERA, University Paris Saclay, France

10:00 – 10:30 Coffee Break

Session 5: New Developments and Applications

Chairs: Satoshi Kitaoka, Peter Mechnich

10:30 – 11:00 **New BN coating on SiC fibers as the interphase of SiC/SiC composites**
Takahiro Sekigawa, Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Aero Engines, Ltd., Japan

11:00 – 11:30 **Laser-CVD silicon carbide fibers as non woven preforms in fiber-reinforced SiC-SiC composites**
Jeff Vervlied, Free Form Fibers, USA

11:30 – 12:00 **Development of oxide-based CMCs with high thermal stability**
Isao Yamashita, Tosoh Corporation, Japan

12:00 – 12:30 **Ceramic matrix composites for liner system of radioactive waste disposal cells**
Emilie Perret, High Performance Multifunctional Materials Domain IRT Saint Exupéry, France

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch

Session 6: Environmental Behavior

Chairs: Elizabeth Opila, Douglas Kiser

14:00 – 14:30 **Synergistic degradation mechanisms of SiC/BN/SiC in oxidizing environments at intermediate temperatures under load**
Elizabeth Opila, University of Virginia, USA

14:30 – 15:00 **Modeling environmental degradation in SiC/BN/SiC CMCs**
Pavel Mogilevsky, UES Inc., USA

15:00 – 15:30 **NASA Glenn high temperature EB-coated CVI SiC/SiC minicomposite testing and characterization**
Douglas Kiser, NASA Glenn Research Center, USA

Thursday, November 17, 2022 (continued)

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee Break

16:00 – 17:00 **Discussion**
Leader: Allan Katz

18:30 – 20:00 Dinner

Friday, November 18, 2022

07:00 – 08:30 Breakfast

Session 7: Environmental Barrier Coatings

Chairs: Kang Lee, Ravisankar Naraparaju

08:30 – 09:00 **The current status of advanced environmental barrier coatings for ceramic matrix composites at NASA**
Kang Lee, NASA Glenn Research Center, USA

09:00 – 09:30 **Mass transfer control in multilayer EBC systems at high temperatures**
Satoshi Kitaoka, Japan Fine Ceramics Center, Japan

09:30 – 10:00 **TGO growth behavior of modified environmental barrier coating systems**
Dianying Chen, Oerlikon Metco (US) Inc., USA

10:00 – 10:30 Coffee Break

10:30 – 11:00 **Solid particle erosion of environmental barrier coatings and ceramic matrix composites**
Michael Presby, NASA Glenn Research Center, USA

11:00 – 11:30 **Development of EBCs and T/EBC multi-layer coatings: Challenges and implications**
Ravisankar Naraparaju, German Aerospace Center (DLR), Germany

11:30 – 12:30 **General Discussion – Areas for further research, development and collaboration, Next conference**
Ram Darolia, Yutaka Kagawa, Dietmar Koch, Gerard Vignoles

12:30 Boxed Lunch

Departures

Poster Presentations

1. **Burner rig optimization for high temperature materials and coating systems**
Christopher Ferguson, The University of Akron, USA
2. **WITHDRAWN**
3. **Influence of ecological optimized manufacturing on the production costs of C/C structures using CVI technology**
Denny Schüppel, Compositing United e. V, Germany
4. **Fabrication method of Yb based Oxide matrix for CMC**
Hiroto Hirano, IHI, Japan
5. **Joining of SiC-SiC composites by embedded-wire CVD**
Jeff Vervlied, Free Form Fibers, USA
6. **Crack growth of pre-preg laminate composite subjected to elevated temperature fatigue post ballistic impact**
Gregory Morscher, The University of Akron, USA
7. **Detection of micro cracking and SiC fiber distribution and its relationship between dark-field images using Talbot-Lau interferometer**
Keiju Kawamura, Tokyo University of Technology, Japan
8. **Durability investigation of burner rig of Yb₂SiO₅ environmental barrier coatings**
Masahiro Negami, Kawasaki Heavy Industries, Ltd., Japan
9. **Cracking detection of a unidirectionally-reinforced SiC/SiC composite by X-ray Talbot-Lau interferometry**
Masaki Kotani, Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA), Japan
10. **Chemical and mechanical analysis of high temperature SiC/SiC CMC materials**
Michael Goode, University of Oxford, United Kingdom
11. **Advanced materials development under NASA's Hybrid Thermally Efficient Core (HyTEC) project**
Michael Presby, NASA Glenn Research Center, USA
12. **Optimizing RMI atmosphere for SiC/SiC composites fabrication**
Natsuki Murata, Tokyo University of Technology, Japan
13. **Additive manufacturing of C/C-SiC by fused filament fabrication**
Stefan Schafföner, University of Bayreuth, Germany
14. **Measurement method of in-situ tensile strength of SiC fiber in SiC/SiC composite**
Takumi Kiyohara, Tokyo University of Technology, Japan
15. **Measurement of exothermic reaction temperature during RMI process**
Takumi Sato, Tokyo University of Technology, Japan
16. **Tensile loading-unloading behavior in SiC/SiC CMC at room and elevated temperature in air using a new mechanical testing machine**
Tetsuya Narita, Tokyo University of Technology, Japan



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- Nov 13-18 **21AS** **CERAMIC MATRIX COMPOSITES II** (Santa Fe, New Mexico)
Y. Kagawa, Tokyo University of Technology; R. Darolia, GE Aviation (retired); R. Raj, University of Colorado; G. Singh, Kansas State University; D. Koch, University of Augsburg; G. Vignoles, University of Bordeaux; J. Binner, University of Birmingham
- Dec 10-14 **21AB** **POLYMER REACTION ENGINEERING XI** (Scottsdale, AZ)
T. McKenna, Université Claude Bernard, France; C. Sayer, Federal University of Santa Catarina, Brazil; J. Schork, Georgia Tech, USA; John Tsavalas, University of New Hampshire, USA; Jose Ramon Leiza, University of the Basque Country, Spain; Robin Hutchinson (Queen's University, Canada); Brian Greenhalgh, ExxonMobil Chemicals, USA; Markus Busch, TU Darmstadt, Germany; J.. Reimers, ExxonMobil Chemicals, USA
- Dec 18-21 **20AY** **ADVANCES IN COSMETIC FORMULATION DESIGN II** (Durham, NC)
S. Amin, University of Miami; P. Somasundaran, Columbia University

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- March 19-24 **22AD** **ELECTRIC FIELD ENHANCED PROCESSING OF ADVANCED MATERIALS III: COMPLEXITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES**
(Tomar, Portugal)
R. Raj, University of Colorado at Boulder; Luis Perez-Maqueda, CICA, Spain
- April 23-28 **23AC** **CELL CULTURE ENGINEERING XVIII** (Cancun, Mexico)
L. Palomares, IBT-UNAM; C. Goudar, Amgen; T. Wang, Roche
- May 7-12 **23AP** **PYROLIQ II – 2023: Pyrolysis and Liquefaction of Biomass and Wastes** (Hernstein, Austria)
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- May 14-17 **23AU** **2023 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SEMICONDUCTOR TECHNOLOGY FOR ULTRA LARGE SCALE INTEGRATED CIRCUITS AND THIN FILM TRANSISTORS (ULSIC VS TFT 8)** (Hokkaido, Japan)
Y. Kuo, Texas A&M University
- May 28-June 2 **21AG** **ALKALI ACTIVATED MATERIALS AND GEOPOLYMERS: SUSTAINABLE CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AND CERAMICS MADE UNDER AMBIENT CONDITIONS** (Cetraro (Calabria), Italy)
W.M. Kriven, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; C. Leonelli, Università degli Studi di Modena e Reggio Emilia; J.L. Provis, University of Sheffield; A.R. Boccaccini, University of Erlangen-Nuremberg
- June 11-15 **21AO** **ADVANCES IN OPTICS FOR BIOTECHNOLOGY, MEDICINE AND SURGERY** (Tomar, Portugal)
M. Niedre, Northeastern University; F. Leblond, Polytechnique Montreal
- May/June **23AI** **INNOVATIVE MATERIALS FOR ADDITIVE MANUFACTURING II (IMAM II)** (Riga, Latvia)
D. Schmidt (Luxembourg Institute of Science and Technology (LIST)); N. Gupta, New York University; E. Eastwood, DOE; B.G. Compton; University of Tennessee, Knoxville; G.M. Gladysz, Los Alamos National Laboratory
- July 16-21 **21AV** **SIXTH INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON STRESS-ASSISTED CORROSION DAMAGE** (Washington, DC area)
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February TBA	21AD	ADVANCED MEMBRANE TECHNOLOGY VIII: ENVIRONMENT, FOOD, HEALTH AND NEW FRONTIERS (Casablanca, Morocco) J. Hestekin, University of Arkansas; U. Beusche, W.L. Gore, Inc.; D. Bhattacharyya, University of Kentucky
April 4-7	20AP	DELIVERY OF NUCLEIC ACID THERAPEUTICS II: BIOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND DEVELOPMENT (Siracusa, Sicily) L. Sepp-Lorenzino, Intellia Therapeutics; S. F. Dowdy, University of California San Diego School of Medicine; M. Stanton, Generational Bio
Spring	24AI	ULTRA-HIGH TEMPERATURE CERAMICS: MATERIALS FOR EXTREME ENVIRONMENT APPLICATIONS V (Italy) D. Sciti, Institute for Science and Technology of Ceramics, CNR;
April TBA	24AK	MICROBIAL ENGINEERING III (TBA) E. Keshavarz-Moore, University College London; T. Sauer, Sanofi
April/May	20AF	SYNTACTIC AND COMPOSITE FOAMS VI (Tallin, Estonia) G.M. Gladysz and K.K. Chawla, University of Alabama at Birmingham; A. R. Boccaccini, University of Erlangen-Nuremberg; M. Fukushima, National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology
TBA	24AH	NANOTECHNOLOGY IN MEDICINE III: ENABLING NEXT GENERATION THERAPIES (TBA) K. Rege, Arizona State University; S. De Smedt, Ghent University S. Varghese, Duke University
May 19-24	24AA	VACCINE TECHNOLOGY IX (Los Cabos, Mexico) C. Lutsch, Sanofi Pasteur; L. Lua, University of Queensland; F. Godia, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona; T. Tagmyer, Merck
TBA	24AM	BIOCHEMICAL AND MOLECULAR ENGINEERING XXIII (TBA) M. O'Malley, University of California at Santa Barbara; B. Pflieger, University of Wisconsin
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Second, after your proposal has been approved by the Conferences Committee, the ECI staff will assume responsibility for the administration of the conference.

Your primary responsibilities will be recruiting the organizing committee, developing the technical program and securing third-party funding necessary to support the travel of key speakers.

The responsibilities of ECI's "full service" staff include -- but are not limited to -- the following:

- Recommend, negotiate, contract and make substantial deposits for housing, meals, meeting space, A/V equipment and tours.
- Maintain web sites for the conference and for submission of abstracts.
- Publicize via electronic and print media.
- Administer all finances including grants, contributions and purchase orders. (ECI makes grant funds available as soon as a grant is approved.) There is no need for chairs to set up a conference bank account or file tax returns for their conference.
- Process all applications and registrations.
- Produce bound program/abstracts book.
- Contract for the publication of print or electronic proceedings, if any.
- Provide on-site staff during the conference.

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