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University Consortium Hosts Sixth Terahertz Symposium

Washington, DC – The Southeastern Universities Research Association wrapped up its sixth annual Terahertz Applications Symposium last week in Washington, DC. The diverse set of participants and subject matter experts represented seven countries, including Israel, Germany, the United Kingdom and Brazil.

This year's meeting attracted a healthy mix of old and new talent tapped from universities, institutes, federal labs, and industry, including Chart Venture Partners, an early stage venture capital fund investing in security related technologies with both government and commercial applications.

“We are excited once again to sponsor a venue that convenes the best in class in terahertz science and technology,” said Jerry Draayer, SURA President & CEO. “Drawing on the successful record of Jefferson Lab and the expertise from University of Maryland, Rice, MIT, and other SURA members fosters a level of diversity, energy, and intelligence that helps propel this developing field forward.”

“Besides the high quality technical presentations, I am very impressed with the unique networking opportunities for scientists, companies and investors alike that the Symposium provides,” said Christian Jansen of Technical University of Braunschweig's Institute of High Frequency Technology.

The Symposium is geared to benefit top terahertz researchers and technologists, giving them valuable exposure beyond their own laboratory. “Many of these star researchers are connected to terahertz startups, state and federal programs, and industrial consulting,” said Marc Oettinger, Associate Director for Commercialization at SURA. “Having a venue to meet and interact with peer experts from academia, government, and business, allows for real-time collaboration and program development, and that advances technology on all terahertz platforms.”

Speakers this year included: Jeremy Johnson of Air Force Institute of Technology, Irl Duling of Picometrix, Ken Cooper of NASA's Jet Propulsion Lab, Ki-Yong Kim of University of Maryland College Park, Mike Klopff of Jefferson Lab, Oleg Mitrofanov of University College London, Joseph Melinger of U.S. Naval Research Lab, Joachim Jonuscheit of Fraunhofer Institute for Physical Measurement Techniques, Torsten Löffler of Synview GmbH, Mark Stringer of University of Leeds, Benjamin Rivest of US Air Force Research Lab, Hou-Tong Chen of Los Alamos National Lab, Dan Mittleman of Rice University, Ted Heilweil of National Institute of Standards and Technology, Keith Nelson of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Michael Wanke of Sandia National Lab, Joe Hooper of Indian Head Division of the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Nicholas Matlis of Lawrence Berkeley National Lab, Christian Jansen of Technische Universität Braunschweig, and Michael Wu of Chart Venture Partners.

About SURA Terahertz Applications Symposium

Launched in 2004 by Southeastern Universities Research Association (SURA), the Terahertz Applications Symposium brings together the world's leaders in terahertz research, development and product creation. The international event bridges the gap between research and applications, including new innovations for medical imaging, defense, security, materials evaluation, radio astronomy, physics, and biomedical research. SURA works closely with the terahertz team at US Department of Energy's Jefferson Lab, where the world's strongest terahertz source is housed at the Free Electron Laser facility. For more information including please visit <http://www.sura.org/thz>.

About SURA

The Southeastern Universities Research Association (SURA) is a consortium of over 60 leading research institutions in the southern United States and the District of Columbia established in 1980 as a non-stock, nonprofit corporation. SURA serves as an entity through which colleges, universities, and other organizations may cooperate with one another, and with government and industry in acquiring, developing, and using laboratories and other research facilities and in furthering knowledge and the application of that knowledge in the physical, biological, and other natural sciences and engineering. For more information, visit <http://www.sura.org>.