JOINT ORGANISATION OF E-MRS SPRING MEETING, MAY 2014

In 2014, Year of Crystallography, the Intern. Organisation for Crystal Growth undertook several initiatives aiming at advertising crystal growth outside its traditional boundaries. A most successful event was the joint organisation of four symposia grouped under the flag "Crystal Growth in materials science" at the E-MRS Spring Meeting in Lille (France), 25-30 May 2014.

Several IOCG officers, council members and colleagues from the national groups were involved in the organisation of this joint event:

R. Fornari, president of IOCG, was conference co-chair. T. Duffar, M. Neubert, D. Klimm and M. Dudley chaired the symposium "Crystal growth-related twins and point defects in semiconductors and dielectrics". K. Zaidat, Y. Delannoy, Y. Fautrelle and E. Vlieg chaired the symposium "Effect of natural and forced convection in material crystallisation". J. Friedrich, K. Kakimoto and J. Derby chaired "Crystals for energy conversion and storage". Finally, H. Coelfen, M. Niederberger and L. Bergstrom acted as co-chairs for the symposium "Non-classical nucleation and crystallisation".

Although very focused, the four crystal growth symposia collected altogether about 180 abstracts and were well attended from participants from other symposia too. Exactly the scope of the IOCG initiative!