

ISICP-13: History of the Symposium

Professor Kenneth (Ken) Kuan-Yun Kuo was the chairman of the first symposium, on the subject of Base Bleed propulsion. However, thanks to his vision, this evolved into a series of symposia on special topics in Chemical Propulsion & Energetic Materials that he chaired for 26 years; however, he sadly passed away in 2016. The Steering Committee for 13th meeting is Chaired by Prof. Richard Yetter (Penn State University, USA), with Prof Keiichi Hori (ISAS/JAXA, Japan) & Dr John Zevenbergen (TNO, The Netherlands) as vice Chairmen plus Jim Fleming (FCIT2, registered in the UK but resident in Santander) as vice Chairman/organiser.

There were some 90 attendees from 18 countries at the 1st symposium, which concluded with a round table discussion. The high scientific standards, widely international group of attendees & the friendly & informal approach have continued as important features of the remaining symposia. The first 11 meetings have been held in ten countries, with the 12th virtual (due to Covid):

- #1: Greece, 1988
- #2: Germany, 1991
- #3: The Netherlands, 1993
- #4: Sweden, 1996
- #5: Italy, 2000
- #6: Chile, 2005
- #7: Japan, 2007
- #8: South Africa, 2009
- #9: Canada, 2012
- #10: France, 2014
- #11: Germany, 2018
- #12: being held as a virtual event 23-25 March 2021

The 12th meeting was planned for Santander in September 2020 then postponed, due to Covid, until March 2021 before it was realised that a physical meeting in 2021 was likely to be impractical.

The average number of attendees of the first 11 meeting is approximately 100. The 7th meeting, in Japan, & the 9th, in Canada, both had a record number of 140 scientist participating. It is anticipated that 150 to 170 will participate in 12-ISICP as a virtual meeting.

