

Final Technical Report

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Project Title: Support for U.S. Participants at the 15th International Congress on Catalysis

Recipient Organization: Lehigh University

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The grant was used to partially assist the travel expenses of U.S. academic scientists to attend the 15th International Congress on Catalysis. The conference was held in Munich, Germany from July 1-6, 2012. The importance of the International Congress was to bring together the international community of faculty members who participate in catalysis research, and to share information that would lead to further developments and directions in the field of study. Graduate students and Post Docs were invited to apply for travel assistance based on criteria established by the North American Catalysis Society (NACS) and the local Catalysis Clubs.

The following announcement was made to the catalysis communities:

The North American Catalysis Society will provide supplemental travel funding to attend the 15th International Congress on Catalysis to be held in Munich, Germany from July 1-6, 2012. This material is based upon work supported by the Department of Energy under the award number DE-SC0007926. These funds will be used to provide partial reimbursement of travel, lodging and registration fees for the attendees with priority given to:

1. Faculty members in their first four years of appointment to ladder-rank positions, and must be currently active in catalysis research at a U.S. institution.
2. Postdoctoral and graduate students who are scheduled to present oral or poster contributions at the 15th International Congress on Catalysis.
3. Invited chairpersons of a session at the 15th International Congress on Catalysis.
4. Other applicants, as funds permit.

Applications should be submitted to Professor Jingguang Chen (NACS Director-at-large, and Coordinator of this assistance program) no later than March 30, 2012 in electronic form (to: jgchen@udel.edu). The application should be no longer than 1-page, and include your qualifications within the context of items 1-3 listed above.

The 1-page application should clearly state:

1. Your position, including number of years in present position and activity in catalysis research since 2007 (including publications and patents in the catalysis area). Please indicate if your academic research group is currently funded by DOE-BES or NSF.
2. Your accepted presentation in the 15th International Congress on Catalysis (including title, session number, and oral/poster venue). Include a copy of your acceptance letter as page 2.
3. Describe sessions for which you are a chairperson (include a copy of your invitation to be a chairperson as page 2).
4. Any other data that the selection panel should consider.

The panel decision will be communicated to all applicants no later than May 15, 2012 via email. Original receipts will be required for reimbursement, and travel must be booked via U.S. carriers.

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List of Participants Who Received Travel Assistance

Lars Grabow, Houston, TX

Carsten Sievers, Atlanta, GA

Phillip Christopher, University of California, Riverside, CA

S. Crossley, University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK

Simon Podkolzin, Stevens Institute of Technology, Hoboken, NJ

Aditya Bahn, Minneapolis, MN

Yyriy Roman, Cambridge, MA

Rajamani Gounder, Pasadena, CA

Alexander Okrut, University of California, Berkeley, CA

David Flaherty, University of California, Berkeley, CA

Monica Garcia, Albany, CA

Aleksandra Vojvodic, SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory, Menlo Park, CA

Natalie Ray, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL

Andrew Foster, University of Delaware, Newark, DE

Di Wu, Evanston, IL

Matthew Montemore, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO

Simon Pang, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO

Samia Ilias, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN

Amber Janda, University of California, Berkeley, CA

John Copeland, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA

Jing Lu, University of California, Davis, CA

Shannon Klaus, University of California, Berkeley, CA

Michael Nigra, Berkeley, CA