



Press Release
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PVTC 2016, an outstanding international recognition with very high level experts and participants from all over the world!



High level experts (from right to left): Hiroki Sugimoto, Solar Frontier (Japan), Henri Snaith, Univ. d'Oxford (UK), David Mitzi, Univ. de Duke (USA), Eli Yablono-vitch, Univ. de Californie (USA) et Christophe ballif, EPFL (Switzerland).

The PhotoVoltaic Technical Conference 2016, PVTC, the **7th event of a series of international PV specialty conferences took place for the first time in Marseille (Southern France), from 9 to 11 May 2016 at the International Center of Villa Méditerranée.**

This event brought together worldwide speakers and attendees, representing over 20 countries from all over the world (Algeria, Australia, China, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Morocco, Poland, Spain, Switzerland, USA, Tunisia...) around the topic « From materials and advanced processes to innovative applications » with, this year, a special focus on Mediterranean projects. During this special session, the Moroccan Agency of the solar energy (MASEN) presented the NOOR power plant and the Moroccan solar plan, and then the Research institute on the Energy and the Environment of Qatar reviewed the reliability and the performances of the PV in Qatar.

The conference was also an opportunity for participants to discover new products and applications, through a session which was dedicated to them, as **transparent glazings PV (Crosslux, Southern France), the solar roads (Aximum), the solar veils (Solar Cloth System, Southern France), the objects of the mobile electronics (SunPartner Technologies, Southern France), the PV floating off Marseille (ASI-INNOVATION), solar stained-glass windows style Mondrian (University of Utrecht, The Netherlands), of the colored glass BIPV (CSEM, Switzerland), the design of solar objects ...**

International experts, coming from industrial and academic worlds, presented their latest research developments in solar cells and modules with an overview in their respective domain:

Professor Eli YABLONOVITCH, Director of the NSF Center for Energy Efficient Electronics Science, Berkeley, California, (USA), **father of the photonic crystal concept and recognized all over the world in the field of diode lasers and of the photovoltaics,**

Professor Henry SNAITH, University of Oxford, (U.K), **one of the world specialists of perovskites solar cells for which he has been a prize-winner of «EU-40 Materials Prize» since last May, awarded by the European Materials Research Society (E-MRS),**

Professor David MITZI, Duke University, Durham, NC, (USA),

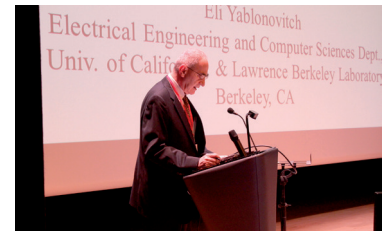
Professor Christophe BALLIF, Director of photovoltaics laboratory at EPFL, Director of CSEM PV-center at CSEM, Neuchâtel, (Switzerland), **recent prize-winner of the Becquerel prize on 2016, one of the most prestigious prizes of the PV at the world level,**

Dr. Hiroki SUGIMOTO, Solar Frontier, (Japan), one of the leading companies in the field of solar cells IGC,

Professor Stergios LOGOTHETIDIS, Dir. of the Lab. of «Thin Films-Nanobiomaterials-Nanosystems & Nanometrology (LTFN)» at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, (Greece).

Without forgetting the driving actors of the PV in France, as the CEA, EDF R&D, ENGIE, INES, IPVF, IRDEP, LPICM, Photowatt, TOTAL and the IM2NP, CINaM, Crosslux, Encapsulix, Genes'ink and Sunpartner for the region of Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur (Southern France).

The presentations of very high level covered the various types of PV, in a homogeneous and effective way. **The participants were very satisfied with this latest edition. This recognition at the international level is a real boost for the next edition in 2017.**



« Thank you very much for your hospitality. I enjoyed the conference immensely, and learned many new things »

Professor Eli YABLONOVITCH (Berkeley, USA)
Keynote Speaker & Member of the PVTC 2017 Scientific Committee

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