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Project Execution

Nanotechnology is considered as the key technology of the 21st century. It offers solutions to many current problems by means of smaller, lighter, faster and better performing materials, components and systems. Nanotechnology opens up new market opportunities and will also provide essential contributions to environmental and health protection. It helps to improve products and production processes with better characteristics or new functionalities. In the upcoming years nanotechnology will impact nearly all industrial sectors and enter consumer markets in large quantities.

The conference series “EuroNanoForum” has been established as the foremost European congress for the nanotechnology transfer from research into industrial production processes, products and applications. The EuroNanoForum conferences bring together excellent scientists with leading researchers and managers from industry and finance as well as political decision makers. This was also put into practice in EuroNanoForum 2007 and will be continued by organizing the fourth EuroNanoForum 2009 in Prague, Czech Republic.

The project itself was structured into six workpackages (WP):

WP1: Project Management

WP2: Programming and continual adaption of the web page

WP3: Public relations and advertising

WP4: Pre-selection of submitted papers, preparation and realization of meeting of the organizing committee

WP5: Realization of the EuroNanoForum 2007

WP6: Post-processing of the conference and accounting

In brief the workpackages had the following contents:

WP1: Includes everything that was necessary to organize the conference, such as finding a place for the event, building a scientific committee, etc.

WP2: This was necessary to inform the participants prior to the conference about the status and to collect abstracts.

WP3: To inform the research community about the conference advertising actions were taken.

WP4: In workpackage 4 the conference distributions were selected. This constituted the programme in reconciliation with the organizing committee.

WP5: This includes the organization and execution of the conference programme. This includes presentations, poster session, industrial exhibition but also the social events.

WP6: A proceedings CD-ROM has been edited and was sent to the participants. Also the webpage www.euronanoforum2007.eu was updated to give access to an electronic version of the proceedings to the interested reader.

Dissemination and Use

The EuroNanoForum 2007 was a scientific conference and the whole meaning was to disseminate knowledge. The scientists presented their work by giving a talk or presenting a poster and discussed the nanotechnology and general science topics in the breaks or during the social events.

In addition to this there were measures taken by the organizers to ensure the dissemination of knowledge. One point was the distribution of proceedings volumes with full abstracts. Also the proceedings were published on the website <http://www.euronanoforum2007.eu/CD/> to reach researchers who did not attend the conference. So the knowledge will be conserved and made accessible for everyone. Last a proceedings CD-ROM was edited and sent to the participants. It contains the same information that can be seen at the website.

Beyond being a frame for discussions between scientists the conference was a good tool for communicating the topic to the public. Special press programmes ensured this.