

## ECOTRIB 2007

The first European Conference on Tribology (ECOTRIB 2007) was held in Ljubljana, Slovenia, on June 12 - 15, 2007. It was primarily focused on the economy and industrial landscape of central and southern Europe, and was arranged jointly with the Final Conference of the COST 532 Action: Triboscience and Tribotechnology. It has been co-organized by Slovenian Society for Tribology, Austrian Tribology Society and Italian Tribology Association.

ECOTRIB has been focused on most important scientific and industrial problems of Tribology, Surface Engineering and Monitoring & Diagnostics and explore the most powerful methods for solving them. The main objective of the COST 532 Action was to generate new scientific knowledge about the fundamental physical, chemical and mechanical phenomena governing friction, wear and lubrication in engines and transmissions. The Conferences provided an international forum for researchers from industry and academia to discuss latest developments in Tribology, Surface Engineering and Technical Diagnostics. The purpose was to offer an opportunity to examine the state of the art and a perspective of scientific and technological achievements in selected areas by way of invited speakers, to provide researchers with a forum to present their findings and to provide practitioners with a means to relate their experience and solutions to specific topics.

The Conference was attended by more than 200 participants from 45 countries. There were 157 papers presented, including two Plenary Lectures, 12 Invited Lectures, 125 Oral Presentations and 18 Poster Presentations.

The best papers presented at the Conference have been selected for publication in *Wear*, *Tribology International*, *Tribotest* e *MECCANICA*.



The next biannual Conference will be held in Pisa, Italy, in June 2009.