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In 2006 the focus was on the merger of the conference series STM and NANO into the new conference

“International Conference on Nanoscience and Technology”

(ICN+T 2006 [STM 06 / NANO 9])

This conference was held from July 30 until August 4, in Basel, Switzerland. On Wednesday August 2, 2006, the two steering committees (also our president, Ugo Valbusa, and Ulf Karlson, the organizer of IVC-18 in Stockholm, attended) decided in a joint meeting to go on with a combined

ICN+T 2007 (STM07 / NANO 10)

in Stockholm in 2007 together with IVC-17. This scenario will be repeated in 2010, when IVC-18 will take place in Beijing, again also together with ICN+T 2010 (STM10 /NANO 13). The members of the steering committees prefer to have independent ICN+T conferences in the meantime. In 2008 the USA will run ICN+T 2008. For the year 2009 no decision on the host country has been made yet.

The 2006 conference was a great success, not only to commemorate the 25 years of STM and 20 years of AFM anniversaries, but also to fully integrate novel and modern topics such as Nanobiology, Molecular Electronics, Quantum Computing, and Spintronics.

More than 1500 participants from over 50 countries attended the conference. A large part of the audience were young scientists under the age of 30.