

Preface

Twenty-Second Topical Meeting on the Technology of Fusion Energy

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The twenty-second Topical Meeting on the Technology of Fusion Energy (TOFE-2016) was held August 21–25, 2016, as a stand-alone meeting at the Sheraton Philadelphia Society Hill Hotel in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The technical program encompassed four days and included a total of 195 presentations. TOFE-2016 was supported by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Fusion Energy Sciences. Plenary oral sessions were held every morning, August 22–25, with very interesting and informative updates on the plans and status of ITER, LHD, K-DEMO, Wendelstein 7-X, EAST, and JT-60SA, and also a session on European DEMO. The second day's plenary focused on an overview of DOE's role in fusion energy development, an update on NIF, and an analysis on future directions of U.S. fusion research. The closing plenary session on the final day of TOFE-2016 focused on forthcoming impacts of materials use. TOFE-2016 included two poster sessions, which featured a total of 89 posters and stimulated much discussion. There was a successful student session, pioneered at TOFE-2016, that encouraged students to participate in sessions and offered opportunities for students to network with professionals.

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