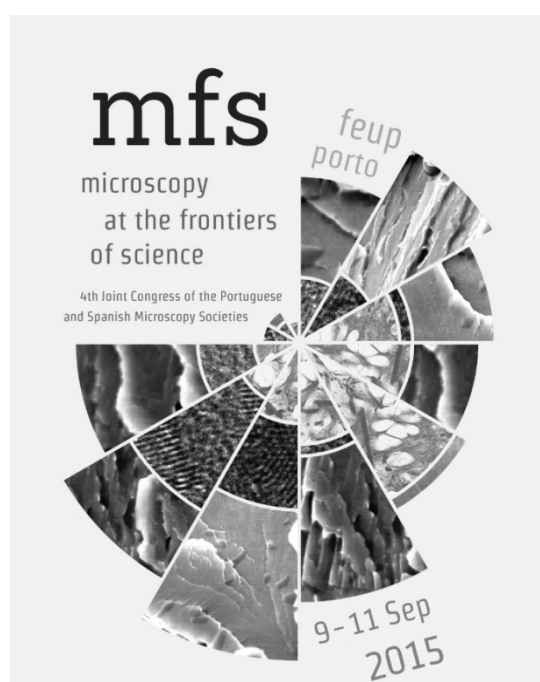


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The congress was attended by almost 150 participants, from various universities, laboratories and research centres, mainly Spanish and Portuguese, but also from companies that develop microscopy and microanalysis equipment.

The communications presented covered a wide range of research areas such as Materials and Life Sciences, and Instrumentation and Techniques.

We would like to acknowledge guest speakers, for their valuable contribution to the Congress, but also the many authors and participants who were responsible for success of the meeting.

We would like also to highlight the participation of companies that develop new microscopy and microanalysis techniques and equipment, an essential factor to the success of this conference, not only for their sponsorship, but also by bringing the latest innovations in the field to be shared among the congress participants.

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