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## EDITORIAL

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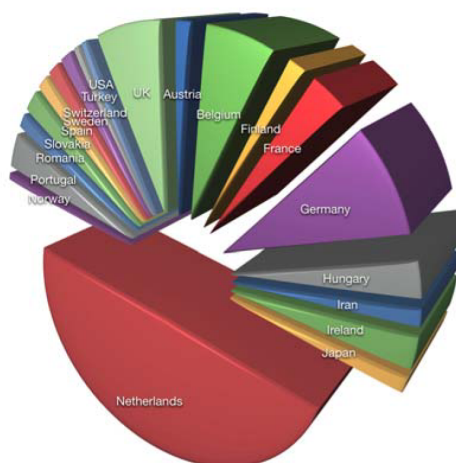
The 21st European workshop on micromachining, micromechanics and microsystems returned to the location where it started in 1989, in the town of Enschede, The Netherlands, on 26–29 September 2010. Since Miko Elwenspoek started the workshop in 1989, it has been held in Berlin, Germany (1990), Leuven, Belgium (1992), Neuchatel, Switzerland (1993), Pisa, Italy (1994), Copenhagen, Denmark (1995), Barcelona, Spain (1996), Southampton, UK (1997) [1], Ulvik, Norway (1998) [2], Gif-sur-Yvette, France (1999) [3], Uppsala, Sweden (2000) [4], Cork, Ireland (2001), Sinaia, Romania (2002) [5], Delft, The Netherlands (2003) [6], Leuven, Belgium (2004) [7], Goteborg, Sweden (2005) [8], Southampton, UK (2006) [9], Guimaraes, Portugal (2007) [10], Aachen, Germany (2008) [11] and Toulouse, France (2009) [12].

The three-day workshop was attended by 140 participants, of which 103 were from academia and 37 were from industry. Even though the workshop was targeted at a European audience, we hosted a small fraction of participants from Iran, Japan and the USA (figure 1). Next to 78 poster presentations, four invited keynote presentations were given on a wide range of topics from DNA self-assembly to how to start a spin-off company.

The workshop took place in the brand new Muziekkwartier in Enschede, which provided a special atmosphere. I would like to sincerely thank the participants for their excellent posters and lively discussions, the invited speakers for their motivating talks and last but not least my many colleagues at the Transducers Science and Technology group for near perfect organization.

This special issue of the *Journal of Micromechanics and Microengineering* (JMM) contains a selection of the 77 papers presented at the workshop. I would like to thank the program committee (Patrick Pons, Martin Hill, Per Øhlckers and Miko Elwenspoek) for making the preselection, Robert Puers and Ian Forbes for coordinating this special issue and all the referees of JMM for their anonymous but invaluable endeavours.

I hope you will enjoy the selected papers, and look forward to the MME2011 in Tønsberg, Norway.



**Figure 1.** Breakdown of the country of affiliation for the participants of MME 2010.

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