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Introduction

Laser Beam Shaping XI was very successful, with 32 papers presented. During the start of the conference, I was reflecting on the economic outlook and talking to the people in attendance. Henry Ford once stated, "Why should I clutter my mind with general information when I have people around me who can supply any knowledge I need?" Henry Ford made that comment on the idea of team work within the context of knowledge. I thought the quote was a good illustration of why people should attend conferences. Laser Beam Shaping provides that type of forum; a place to meet and be surrounded by people with shared interests in gaining knowledge on the different aspects of laser beam shaping.

As laser beam shaping moves forward we need to be cognizant that technology needs to be applied to thrive. The life blood of any industry is to aggressively and successfully innovate through applications development in specific markets. We look forward to the Laser Beam Shaping XII conference and hope to once again see new market applications emerge for laser beam shaping technology.

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