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The large number of submissions to and excellent attendance at the Ground-based and Airborne Telescopes V conference reflects continued strong interest in the astronomical and engineering communities. There were 214 papers submitted to this year's conference, which included 30 oral sessions and two poster sessions.

Good progress was reported on many ongoing and planned programs. Excellent papers were presented on AKA, ALMA, APF, AST3, BLASTPol, CCAT, CGST, CHIME, CLST, CTA, DCT, DECam, DKIST, E-ELT, GLT, GMT, HET, KDUST, LAMOST, LBT, LMT, LSST, LT2, MSE, NST, OAJ, Pan-STARRS, PLANETS, SKA, SOFIA, Spider, SST, TAO, TESS, TMT, and WFT.

Papers were presented on many current optical-IR telescope projects that are finally funded and ready for construction. The Extremely Large Telescopes session was the most widely attended; almost at the level of the conference's plenary sessions. There were several sessions of Airborne Telescopes, including SOFIA and balloon projects. Another topic that had several sessions was Telescopes and Arrays for Surveys, Time-domain and Transient Observations. Attendance was strong through the last session on Measurement and Control of Telescope Vibration.

The range of technical subjects covered in the papers is similar to previous conferences. Design of telescopes for extreme environments still is a hot topic for the conference. A new topic that hasn't been covered in the past was telescopes to image orbiting objects. This will be of interest in the future for commercial and military applications.

The co-chairs would like to thank the SPIE symposium organizers, the GB&AT program committee members, the session chairs, the authors, and all the conference participants for making this year's conference so successful.

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