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As conference chairs we look forward to read the abstracts submitted and the final papers brought forward each year.

This year was no different; the diversity of papers demonstrates the critical role of laser beam shaping techniques. The papers provide glimpses into what could be the next leap in laser beam shaping; through further understanding and refinement of theory or how applications have been adopted into real life industrial laser tools.

The chairs are grateful to everyone who participated in this year's conference and thank you for sharing your work.

We look forward to celebrating a milestone in the conferences history at Laser Beam Shaping XV in 2014.

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