The event was the result of continued collaboration between the Électricité de France Company (EDF) and the PPrime Research Institute of the Université de Poitiers, and organised under a team chaired by Prof. Michel Fillon. It was held on the University Science campus North of Poitiers and was the 12th in an annual series aimed at researchers and industry practitioners providing opportunities to share knowledge and developments in bearing performance. The University of Poitiers was set up in 1440 and the PPrime Institute Engineering laboratory is the largest in Europe with 230 permanent research staff, 110 technical support staff and well equipped laboratories.

All presentations had been peer reviewed at Professorial level before acceptance. Over 2 days there were 6 technical sessions run consecutively containing 20 presentations and a parallel poster session. 4 sessions were devoted to journal bearings, 1 to thrust bearings and 1 to both journal and thrust bearings – all presentations being devoted to fluid film lubrication. There were 2 networking lunches, 1 evening reception (including coach trip to venue), 1 evening meal in the old town of Poitiers and a laboratory visit. A keynote presentation was given by Prof. Michal Wasilczuk of the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering, Gdansk University of Technology, Poland, entitled “Should we seek further improvement of fluid film bearings – what for and how?”