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NIT Rourkela Alumni Co-Chair a NATO Applied Vehicle Technology (AVT) Conference in Avila, Spain

Dr. Prakash Patnaik and Dr. Ajay Misra, two eminent materials scientists of Indian origin (from the state of Odisha), respectively from NRC Aerospace, Canada and NASA Glenn Research Centre, USA co-chaired a NATO conference held at Avila, Spain 9-30 September, 2016. It is to be noted that Dr. Patnaik, a member of the NATO-AVT Panel has been involved with NATO's Science & Technology Organisation for almost 14 years and held several positions including member of Strategic Committee, Chair of Technical Committee on Mechanical Systems & Structures and Materials and mentoring numerous NATO S&T activities. He has also a past recipient of the NATO's Panel Excellence award. Dr. Patnaik Formerly a Director at NRC and currently a Principal Research Scientist heads the Air Defence Systems program at Canada's National Research Council (NRC) serving the Department of National Defence & the Royal Canadian Air force (RCAF). Dr. Misra heads the Structures & Materials Division of NASA at the Glenn Research Centre in Cleveland and a recipient of many awards including a recent one from the US President. The NATO conference at Avila addressed High Temperature Materials for the protection of military vehicles in harsh operating environments.