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Certificate of Attendance

I am pleased to confirm that Tariq F Alhuwaymel attended the JSPS York-Tohoku Research Symposium on Magnetic Materials and Spintronics from Monday the 27th June to Wednesday the 29th June 2011 and presented a poster on Monday the 27th June.

Kevin O'Grady

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I hereby confirm that Mr. Tariq Alhuwaymel has attended workshop Research in Magnetism 2011" held in Durham on 21st September 20 presented a poster titled "Development of a New Characterisation 7 Half-Metallic Ferromagnetic Ultrathin Films".

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Yours sincerely,

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Re: YDS 2012

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Yours sincerely

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IEEE International Magnetics Conference

Dresden, Germany May 4-8, 2014



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Dresden, May 8, 2014

IEEE Intermational Magnetics Conference 2014 - Attendance confirmation

To whom it may concern,

Hereby it is confirmed, that

Tariq Alhuwaymel (Pepartment of Electronics, University of York)
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has attended INTERMAG 2014 from 4 to 8 of May, 2014, in Dresden Germany, and presented a talk poster entitled

New bard-gap measurement technique for a half-metallic ferromagnet

Presentation Title

Sincerely,

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With sincere thanks and appreciation extended for

the valuable contribution of

Tariq Alhuwaymel

that was held at Edinburgh International Conference Centre (EICC), In the seventh Saudi Students Conference (SSC2014)

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From

7-8 April 2014

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Development of a Band-gap Measurement Technique for Half-Metallic Ferromagnetic Ultrathin Films

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Abstract. Spintronics is a new field that aims to realise high performance electronic devices. The electron spins are utilised to create a spin-polarised current which used to be ignored in the conventional electronics. The potential advantages of spintronics are: non-volatile memory, high storage density, high data processing speed and low power consumption. In order to achieve these advantages, there are three key requirements for spintronic devices: high spin polarisation, high Curie temperature (T_c) (i.e., the temperature beyond which ferromagnetic materials becomes paramagnetic) and control of interface structure.

In spintronic devices, ferromagnets (FMs) can be used to inject spins into semiconductors (SCs) and non-magnetic metals. However, the FM/SC structures have a conductivity mismatch which decreases the efficient injection of polarised carriers. To overcome this conductivity mismatch, three approaches have been proposed. The first is to use 100% spin polarised materials (*i.e.*, Half-Metallic Ferromagnetics (HMFs)). The second is to use materials with similar conductivity (*e.g.*, dilute magnetic semiconductors (DMS)). The third is to use a tuned barrier (*e.g.*, MgO). The HMFs are new class of materials that have unique band structures; the majority spin band (usually represented as spin-up band) have metallic band structure while the minority spin band (spin-down band) have semiconducting band structure with a band gap at E_F . Thus, they exhibit 100% spin polarisation at E_F . There are four categories of materials that are theoretically predicted to be HMFs; Heusler alloys, zinc-blend compounds, oxide compounds and perovskites.

In this study, Co-based full-Heusler alloys are used due to good lattice constant matching with major III-V semiconductors, high Curie temperature (greater than 950K for $\rm Co_2MnSi$), and the ability to control spin density of states (DOS) at the $E_{\rm F}$. The main aim of this study is to develop a new technique to directly measure the band-gap of the Heusler alloys. Circularly polarised infrared (IR) light will be used to excite only minority spins in the Heusler alloys. By controlling the wavelength of the IR light, the excitation energy can be matched to the half-metallic band-gap. This technique will allow us to characterise the width of the minority spin band-gap in the Heusler alloys. This technique will accordingly provide feedback to growth to achieve 100% spin polarisation as a prerequisite for spintronic devices.

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