

The 1st Greek workshop on: PHOTONICS

Preliminary Announcement



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PLACE: National Hellenic Research Foundation (EIE)

Photonics is the science and technology of generating, controlling, and detecting photons, a Key Enabling Technology (KET) according to European accreditations. Photonics underpins technologies of daily life from smartphone screens and airplane safety sensors, to the fast Internet and life-saving medical instruments. It is foreseen that 21st century will depend as much on photonics as the 20th century depended on electronics.

Photonics can be found everywhere; in consumer electronics (barcode scanners, DVD players, remote TV control), telecommunications (internet), health (eye surgery, medical diagnostic instruments), manufacturing industry (laser cutting and machining), safety and security (infrared camera, remote sensing, civilian buildings control), Screens and lighting (flat screen monitors, HUDs, LED bulbs), etc.

<http://www.light2015.org/>

The Greek scientific community, activated either within the country or abroad (diaspora) is highly active and productive in the field of Photonics with a long list of excellent achievements with global impact and reputation. Achievements of Greek Photonic Scientists and Institutions include niche discoveries published in top scientific journals, disrupting patents, innovative products marketed worldwide, and contribution to the Photonic Science and Technology advancement in European level and worldwide.

A body of major significance for the concertation of Photonics in Greece is Photonics^{GR} a national scale Thematic Platform that was founded 7 years ago, according to the example of the European Technology Platform Photonics21. Photonics^{GR} aspires to coordinate the Greek Photonic community along common scientific axes, while enhancing collaboration, intensify dissemination of results and lobbying in international organization, and, simultaneously improve exploitation of human and infrastructure resources.

<http://www.photonics21.org/>

The entry of the Greek Photonic community into the "photon century" happens in a rapidly varying global socio-economic climate and a financially recessional national landscape. However, the above circumstances set a great challenge to our community that of aggressively exploiting the nearly limitless future applications of light and to reap the emerging benefits that include the advancement of scientific excellence, the creation of new jobs through scientific innovation and the support of innovation actions that emerge from Greek photonic players.

Photonics^{GR} is proud to announce the 1st national workshop on: PHOTONICS IN GREECE with the purpose of highlighting recent advancements and applications of Photonics through **keynote talks by experts, and, peer reviewed contributory poster papers by young researchers** (call for abstracts to be announced shortly). The workshop will also feature events that will bring together Academia-Industry- and Investors for presenting ideas matured for industrial exploitation and potential commercialisation. Finally, special attention will be given and certain actions will undertaken for establishing the consolidating the activities of Photonics^{GR} with a new election processes and a broadly reviewed plan for immediate implementation.

INDICATIVE TOPICS OF INTEREST

- Biophotonics
- Silicon photonics
- Light localisation
- Optical imaging
- Optical Materials & Technology
- Photonic Integrated Circuits
- Optical Design & Instrumentation
- Nano Photonics
- Quantum Photonics
- Computational Photonics
- Optical Communication & Networks
- Quantum Optics
- Optical Fiber Sensors

PEOPLE AND COMMITTEES

Organizing & Programme Committee

1. Costas Balas (Technical University of Crete)
2. George Kakarantzas (National Hellenic Research Foundation)
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Topic Representative **Keynote Speakers** (proposed by the Organizing Committee)* & **

1. Avramopoulos Hercules
2. Pelekanos Nikos
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4. Vainos Nikos
5. Zergioti Ioanna
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*the organizing committee members adopted as good practice policy to avoid proposing her members as possible keynote speakers

** The organizing committee believes that 12 (in total) keynote Speaker slots are essential and sufficient to cover the needs of this first meeting, while at the same time ensuring that the programme will remain attractive to the audience. You are therefore all invited to propose additional keynote speakers or to place objections to the ones proposed by the organizing committee, **until January 15, 2016**. The Advisory Committee will make the final decision for the final list of the 12 keynote speakers on the basis of majority voting. The final Programme will be announced by **January 30, 2016**