

SPIE to Recognize "Senior" Members

SPIE's Membership Committee has created a new "Senior Member" recognition program to honor members with at least five years of significant contributions to the optics and photonics community.

Separate from the Society's Fellows program, the Senior Member designation will be accessible to a broader group of active SPIE members who have shown outstanding leadership in educational outreach, project management in industry or government, or in entrepreneurial operations.

"The Senior Member program will honor SPIE members who have made significant technical accomplishments in patents, product engineering, and publishing as well as those contributing to education and organizational efforts," said Kevin Harding, SPIE president. "In the Society, we have many volunteers who, over the years, have served the professional community as educators, program managers, conference chairs, and SPIE committee members who deserve recognition for their service advancing

the discipline and the Society."

A minimum of five years of continuous regular SPIE membership or active volunteerism is required for nomination as a Senior Member. Senior Members must also have at least 10 years of significant professional experience and achievement in industry or academia. Credit in this latter category may be given for years spent earning an academic degree.

Recognition for technical and professional excellence among your peers and a letter of commendation from SPIE to your employer are just two of the benefits of this new SPIE program.

Those interested in being named an SPIE Senior Member can nominate themselves or be nominated by a colleague or mentor. Deadline for submitting nomination materials for Senior Member status is 8 September. Successful candidates for 2009 will be notified in November of this year.

For more information and nomination forms, see <http://spie.org/seniormember> ■

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SPIE Is Major Sponsor at RIAO-OPTILAS

SPIE is a major sponsor and participant in RIAO-OPTILAS, the conference of Latin American optics researchers held every three years.

"RIO-OPTILAS is a vital link for enhancing collaboration among optics researchers in the region, and the discussions are very valuable for future research projects," said Maria Yzuel, SPIE's 2008 president-elect who attended the October 2007 conference in Campinas, Brazil, with others from SPIE.

RIO-OPTILAS merges two formerly independent events: RIAO (Reunion Iberoamericana de Optica) which began in 1992 in Barcelona, and OPTILAS (Encuentro Latino Americano de Optica y Lasers), first held in 1984. Professor Jaime Frejlich of the Universidade Estadual de Campinas (UNICAMP, Sao Paulo, Brazil) chaired the 2007 conference organizing committee. In addition to SPIE and the International Commission for Optics, the Optical Society of America, the European Optical Society, the International Centre for Theoretical Physics, and various regional organizations participate as sponsors. Together, SPIE, OSA, and ICTP provided financial support for travel expenses for 49 students.

Professor Brian Culshaw, University of Strathclyde (Glasgow, Scotland) and 2007 SPIE president, announced the winners of 11 Best Student Poster awards sponsored by SPIE and Wiley & Sons. The top prize went to T. Sorrentino, Universidade Federal da Paraíba (Joao Pessoa, Brazil), for a paper on "Bistability in a semiconductor laser subject to orthogonal frequency-dependent optical feedback."

Invited speakers typically are from universities or laboratories outside the region whose work is related to research being



Pictured, left to right, are: Glenn Boreman, Univ. of Central Florida (USA); Luiz Gonçalves-Neto, Univ. Federal de São Carlos (Brazil); Krisinda Plenkovich, SPIE; Maria Yzuel, Univ. Autònoma de Barcelona (Spain) and SPIE 2008 president-elect; Flavio Horowitz, Univ. Federal do Rio Grande do Sol, (Brazil); Marcos Tadeu Pacheco, Univ. do Vale do Paraíba (Brazil); Aldo Brugnara, Univ. do Vale do Paraíba (Brazil); Eugene Arthurs, SPIE; Hypolito Kalinowski, Ctr. Federal de Educação Tecnológica do Paraná (Brazil); Dan Sporea, Natl. Institute for Lasers, Plasma and Radiation Physics (Romania); SPIE 2007 President Brian Culshaw, University of Strathclyde (UK).

done where the conference is held. The 2007 conference included invited speakers from seven countries, including Glenn Boreman of the University of Central Florida, who was sponsored through SPIE's visiting lecturer program.

More information about RIAO-OPTILAS 2007: <http://riao-optilas.ifi.unicamp.br/> ■