

## Community

# News from The European Optical Society

**New and old faces among the candidates for the EOS board** From 15 June to 15 August, 2012 the European Optical Society (EOS) board election will be open. During this time, all EOS members are entitled to cast their vote for the five vacancies. Nine candidates compete for the vacant seats; three of them are seeking re-election for a second term. To read their full profiles, please refer to [www.myeos.org/boardelections2012/](http://www.myeos.org/boardelections2012/).



**Pedro Andres, Spain** University of Valencia (ES). He believes that a flourishing EOS is crucial for both European and worldwide optics and will be actively working within the EOS Board for a second term to attain challenges such as aiming to revitalize the interest of young students in optical training, to

broaden European networking and to improve the standing of the society.



**Magnus Breidne, Sweden** Royal Swedish Academy of Engineering Sciences (SE). He would like to see an economically stronger EOS being able to better give members good value for money as well as powerfully representing the optics and photonics community on a European level.

He is also willing to contribute to strengthen the collaboration with the most active Asian Optical Societies.



**Andreas Etmeyer, Germany** University of Applied Sciences of Technology Buchs NTB (CH). He is convinced that the visibility of optical technologies in public is essential if young scientists and engineers are to be attracted to this future-oriented field and if our leading

position is to be maintained. Improving public visibility of optics will be the focus of his attention within the EOS.



**Thomas Graf, Germany** IFSW at the University of Stuttgart (DE). He is engaged in high-power laser systems, laser beam shaping and laser applications in manufacturing and thinks that the EOS should become the leading professional society joining the whole photonic community in Europe and beyond.



**Seppo Honkanen, Finland** University of Eastern Finland. He has very actively served for different societies in optics and photonics. For example, he is a member of the Fellowship Committee of EOS, and the Chairman of the board of the Finnish Optical Society. He is committed to give his best in serving EOS as a board member.



**Giancarlo Righini, Italy** University of Florence/IFAC-CNR (IT). He was elected to the EOS board in 2008 and always considered it very important to promote optics at both national and international levels, and to strengthen international collaborations. If re-elected, he will continue to work to enhance the visibility of EOS, while building

closer relationships with national optical societies.



**Patricia Segonds, France** University Joseph Fourier (FR). She believes that the EOS is essential to improve future research developments in optics and she would be happy to be part of it. If elected, she will campaign for conferences with industrial exhibitions in France, and for special events showing PhD students how it is

fascinating to study and work in optics.



**Sergey C. Stafeev, Russia** St. Petersburg University of Information Technologies, Mechanics and Optics (RU). He is the author of more than 170 scientific and educational publications and a specialist in diffractive optics, fractal scattering, optical properties of semiconductors, optical nondestructive testing of wafers,

films and microelectronics structures.



**Wilhelm Ulrich, Germany** Carl Zeiss SMT AG. He has given several presentations at international optics and design conferences, is the author of miscellaneous papers and book chapters about optical system design using modern technologies and holds numerous patents, mainly for lithography applications. As a member of SPIE,

OSA and EOS associated DGaO, he is regularly engaged in different program and organization committees.



**JEOS:RP welcomes a new editor for quantum optics** The online journal of the European Optical Society – Rapid Publications (*JEOS:RP*) recently welcomed a third editor: Gerd Leuchs from Germany joins editors Joseph Braat (NL) and Richard De La Rue (GB) to head the *JEOS:RP* editorial team.

With an enhanced focus of the journal on quantum optics, Gerd Leuchs is the new editor for this important research field. Leuchs studied physics and mathematics at the University of Cologne (DE) and received both his PhD and habilitation degree from Ludwig-Maximilians-University in Munich (DE), with the late Herbert Walther as his supervisor. Since 2009, he has been one of the directors of the Max-Planck Institute for the Science of Light (MPL) in Erlangen (DE).

The editorial team of the electronic journal consisted of, to date, two editors, Joseph Braat, editor for classical optics, and Richard M. De La Rue, editor for physical optics, and a larger number of specialized section editors for the diverse fields of research covered by *JEOS:RP*. The peer-reviewed, open access journal mainly solicits papers from the following fields:

- adaptive optics
- bio-optics
- diffractive optics
- electromagnetic scattering
- electro-optics
- geometrical optics and optical design
- imaging
- information optics
- nonlinear optics
- quantum optics

For 2010, *JEOS:RP* achieved an impact factor of 1.044 which increased from 0.787 in 2009 and puts the journal well on track to meeting its goal as an important publication platform.

### Seven new EOS student clubs established

After the application period for the foundation of EOS student clubs ended, the EOS has chosen seven applications to be realized and is proud to announce the successfully established regional clubs in France, Russia, Spain and the USA.

- EOS Comunidad Valenciana Student Club (Spain)
- EOS Kazan National Research Technical University Student Club (Russia)
- EOS M. V. Lomonosov MSU Student Club (Russia)
- EOS/SFO Alpes Student Club (France)
- EOS/SFO Photonics Bretagne Student Club (France)
- EOS AT Columbia University Student Club (USA)
- EOS City College New York Student Club (USA)

In particular, the foundation of two student clubs in the United States is recognized as a sign of increasing visibility of the EOS overseas.

The newly founded student clubs benefit from several opportunities to present their activities and to raise awareness for their concerns. For example, members of the student program are invited to publish news about their student club in the EOS newsletter, on the EOS website, and other media EOS cooperates with. Additionally, each club is entitled to apply for the EOS student grant which is awarded by financial means for engaging projects and enchanting ideas. In addition, the annual EOS Student Reception provides another opportunity for presentation of concerns and activities to a broad audience. This year's EOS Student Reception will be held alongside the EOS Annual Meeting (EOSAM 2012) on 26 September, 2012 in Aberdeen, Scotland, UK ([www.myeos.org/studentclubs](http://www.myeos.org/studentclubs)).