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Conference Notes

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Hope

Covid-19 and its pandemic has changed many aspects in our life, in particular how we do scientific communication. While papers have been written throughout the time of self-isolation, conferences had to be canceled or they had to be converted to online events.

Such online events have good sides: They are available online, and no travel (costs) needed. And some organizers offer the sessions for a longer period, thus participants can enjoy them on another place at another time. This makes scientific results available to a much broader audience and in particular, those scientists with restricted funds would have equal chances.

Still, online cannot replace the feeling of a real conference. Neither does it give the speaker the incredible feeling of a full audience nor does it allow a young scientist to approach one of the senior fellows for the exciting small talk that may change a career.

And last but not least, online events do not fill the pockets of the organizing societies. While it looks great to get all talks for free, someone has to pay for all the

organizational and technical efforts. Otherwise, the organizers run into severe trouble.

According to the event calendars of several professional societies, trade shows and conferences have been moved online for the rest of the year. For example, SPIE says on the website for their meeting on Astronomical Telescopes and Instrumentation in December:

“As we plan for the in-person meeting in December, we recognize that travel conditions are uncertain. ... If we determine that we are unable to hold an in-person meeting, we will host this event online as a Digital Forum. The final decision about the format of the event will be announced in early September and will include applicable registration information.”

So it remains unclear when the next on-site meeting will take place. A first test was conducted in China, the LASER World of Photonics China took place in July 2020. The organizers report 819 exhibitors and 57,000 visitors. Conferences and particularly trade shows in 2021 have been announced for on-site execution. Major events such as SPIE Photonics West in March or Laser – World of Photonics are planned as on-site events, to name but a few. Let us all hope that these plans can be realized, because a longer online period could have disastrous effects on the organizers of trade shows.

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Conference Calendar

The Calendar has been reviewed on 1st September. Due to further regulations in response to the worldwide pandemic, dates or locations may vary from this list.

Nevertheless, the pandemic may offer new opportunities as well. Please visit the website of a conference you missed. Some offer on-demand viewing of the meeting.

OSA Imaging and Applied Optics Congress

Virtual web conference

22–26 June 2020

www.osa.org/en-us/meetings/osa_meetings/osa_imaging_and_applied_optics_congress/

July

OSA Advanced Photonics Congress

Virtual web conference

13–16 July 2020

www.osa.org/en-us/meetings/osa_meetings/advanced_photonics_congress

August

SPIE Optics + Photonics

Digital Forum

24–28 August

<http://spie.org/op>

September

Conference on Numerical Simulation of Optoelectronic Devices (NUSOD)

Virtual web conference

14–18 September 2020

www.nusod.org/2020/

Frontiers in Optics: the 104th OSA Annual Laser Science Conference

Virtual web conference

14–17 September 2020

www.frontiersinoptics.com/home/

OSA Quantum 2.0 Conference

Virtual web conference

14–17 September 2020

www.osa.org/en-us/meetings/topical_meetings/quantum/

SPIE LASER DAMAGE

Digital Forum

15–18 September 2020

www.spie.org/LD

25th Microoptics Conference MOC2020

Canceled, next event 2021 in Hamamatsu Japan

www.moc2020.com/

SPIE Remote Sensing

Digital Forum

21–25 September 2020

www.spie.org/RS

SPIE Security + Defense

Digital Forum

21–25 September 2020

www.spie.org/SD

SPIE Photomask Technology + EUV Lithography

Digital Forum

21–25 September 2020

<https://spie.org/x126645.xml>

SPIE Space, Satellites + Sustainability S3

Digital Forum

21–25 September 2020

<https://spie.org/x136050.xml>

2020 IEEE Photonics Conference (IPC)

Virtual web conference

Sep 28, 2020–Oct 1, 2020

<http://ieee-ipc.org/>

October

OSA Laser Congress/ASSL

Virtual web conference

12–16 October 2020

www.osa.org/Meetings/OSA_Meetings/Laser_Congress

FOC 2020

Frontiers of Optical Coatings

Beijing, China

17–22 October 2020

<http://foc.tongji.edu.cn/index.php?>

November

VISION: canceled

Stuttgart, Germany

10–12 November 2020

www.messe-stuttgart.de/vision/

SPIE Future Sensing Technologies

Digital Forum

9–13 November 2020

<https://spie.org/x132696.xml>**December****SPIE Astronomical Telescopes + Instrumentation**

San Diego, CA, USA

13–18 December 2020

<https://spie.org/x127041.xml>**2021****February****SPIE Medical Imaging**

San Diego, CA, USA

14–18 February 2021

www.spie.org/mi**SPIE Advanced Lithography**

San Diego, CA, USA

21–25 February 2021

www.spie.org/al**March****Optical Fiber communication**

San Francisco, CA, USA

28 March–1 April 2021

www.ofcconference.org**SPIE Photonics West**

San Francisco, CA, USA

6–11 March 2021

www.spie.org/pw**SPIE AR | VR | MR**

San Francisco, CA, USA

7–9 March 2021

<https://spie.org/x124250.xml>**April****OSA Biophotonics Congress**

Vancouver, BC, Canada

12–15 April 2021

www.osa.org/en-us/meetings/osa_meetings/osa_biophotonics_congress/**SPIE Defense + Commercial Sensing**

Orlando, FL, USA

11–15 April 2021

www.spie.org/dcs**SPIE Optics + Optoelectronics**

Prague, Czech Republic

19–22 April 2021

www.spie.org/oo**May****DGaO Tagung**

Bremen, Germany

25–29 May 2021

www.dgao.de**CLEO 2021**

San Jose, CA, USA

9–14 May 2021

www.cleoconference.org**June****LASER World of Photonics**

Munich, Germany

21–24 June 2021

www.laser.de**World of Photonics Congress**

Munich, Germany

20–24 June 2021

www.photonics-congress.com/en/**SPIE Conferences @WoP Congress****Biomedical Optics****Digital Optical Technologies****Optical Metrology**

Munich, Germany

20–24 June 2021

<https://spie.org/conferences-and-exhibitions>**OSA Optical Design and Fabrication Congress**

Providence, Rhode Island, USA

27 June–1 July 2021

www.osa.org/en-us/meetings/osa_meetings/optical_design_and_fabrication/**September****EOS Annual Meeting**

Paris, France

6–10 September 2021

www.europtics.org/events/eos/eosam2021.html

October

Frontiers in Optics: the 105th OSA Annual Laser Science Conference

Washington, DC, USA

10–14 October 2020

www.osa.org/en-us/meetings/global_calendar/events/frontiers_in_optics_the_105th_osa_annual_meeting_a/

SPIE Optifab

Rochester, NY, USA

18–21 October 2021

<https://spie.org/x125984.xml>

2022

Optical Fiber communication

San Diego, CA, USA

6–10 March 2022

www.ofcconference.org

AKL'22

Aachen, Germany

4–6 May 2022

www.lasercongress.org

CLEO 2021

San Jose, CA, USA

15–20 May 2022

www.cleoconference.org

DGaO Tagung

Gent, Belgium

7–10 June 2022

www.dgao.de

LASYS

Stuttgart, Germany

21–23 June 2022

www.messe-stuttgart.de/lasys/