



## **II International Conference on Applications of Optics and Photonics**

**26-30, May | Aveiro, Portugal**

### **BRIEF REPORT**

The Second International Conference on Applications of Optics and Photonics ran very successfully in an exciting friendly and rewarding way. 181 participants openly shared ideas and experiences discussing the remarkable and exciting recent developments in Optics and Photonics and preparing new development paths and cooperation projects.

The conference was organized between May 26 to 30, 2014, at the Meliã Ria Hotel & Spa in Aveiro, Portugal. It was another major international event organized by the Portuguese Society for Research and Development of Optics and Photonics, SPOF- Sociedade Portuguesa para a Investigação e Desenvolvimento em Óptica e Fotónica ([www.optica.pt](http://www.optica.pt), [contact@spidof.pt](mailto:contact@spidof.pt)). The Portuguese Optics and Photonics Society was established in November 2009 reflecting the development of the scientific and technological research in Optics and Photonics in Portugal over last decades, and our main goal of promoting the development of Optics and Photonics in general and particularly in Portugal. Coming from all Portuguese continental and Atlantic autonomous regions, SPOF counts with an increasing membership in almost all fields of pure and applied research both at the university and research institutions but also in the industry services and education.

The conference was organized to foster the establishment of the widest range of cooperation projects and relationships with colleagues and institutions from all around the world while increasing the external visibility of Portugal' optics and photonics research. This year the conference also hosted the Symposium on Enabling Optical Networks and Sensors (SEONS), allowing for dedicated sessions in the field of optical networks and sensors.

The success of the conference was only possible with the commitment of the vast majority of Portuguese Optics and Photonics scientists and the endorsement support and active participation of the leadership of the most important international scientific Optics societies including ICO, SPIE, OSA, EOS, Photonics'21, RIAO, and SECPhO, and several national societies, committees, and boards including SEDOPTICA, AMO, CTOM, STO, OPSS, CVO, APLO, SPF, FCT.

The total number of authors was 612, from 39 different countries, reflecting the international character of this conference. 37% of the authors were from Portugal, giving a good and the widest representation of the research being made these days in Portuguese research institutions. Spain was the second represented country with nearly 17% of the conference authors. Remarkably, Brazil was the third most represented country with 8%. Roughly 50% of the participants were students, reflecting the dynamic character of the conference.

The scientific program included 7 plenary sessions, 3 short courses, 24 invited presentations, 83 oral presentations, 86 posters and a special session dedicated to entrepreneurship. In addition, a total of 104 full manuscripts were submitted for publication in the Proceedings of SPIE.

The exposition area had 10 expositors from sponsors and endorsers.

Next year, 2015, will be the International Year of Light. To celebrate this, SPOF will organize many activities through the year. So stay tuned for our next events!