

Photonics Society of Poland celebrates 15th Anniversary

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Fig. 1. 15th Anniversary Jubilee of Photonics Society of Poland participants.

The events gathered more than 100 participants (Fig. 1) and included excellent presentations from distinguished leaders of both global optics and photonics societies as SPIE-The International Society for Optics and Photonics and OPTICA (formerly OSA):

- **Bernard Kress** (2023 SPIE President and Director XR engineering, Google), *Volunteering for scientific community services as an effective career boost in Optics and Photonics*; (Fig. 2)
- **Ulrike Woggon** (OPTICA Director, Technische Universität Berlin), *Lighting our Future - The Impact of Optics and Photonics on a Global Economy* (Fig. 3). Ulrike Woggon offered PSP a special gift from OPTICA commemorating the anniversary.

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- **Claus Roll** (OPTICA Director, Europe), *Optica in Europe, exploring collaborations for the sake of its community and partners.*



Fig. 2. Lecture of Bernard Kress.



Fig. 3. Lecture of Ulrike Woggon.

During the Jubilee Symposium, three prestigious awards of the Photonics Society of Poland were announced and presented.

The most prestigious award of the Society, i.e., the Professor Maksymilian Pluta Award, was presented to **Adam Piotrowski**, VIGO Photonics CEO and President of the PPTF Board “for the worldwide promotion of photonics in Poland and particularly for stimulating rapid

development of Polish Technological Platform on Photonics (PPTF)”.



Fig. 4. PSP awards winners: **K. Rutkowska** (Jubilee Award), M. Karpierz (Treasurer), T.R. Woliński (President), **P. Lesiak** (Jubilee Award), **A. Piotrowski** (Maksymilian. Pluta Award) — from left to right.

Two special Jubilee PSP awards were granted to **Katarzyna Rutkowska**, *Photonics Letters of Poland* Editor-in-chief, and to **Piotr Lesiak**, a key person of photonics trades and job fairs co-organized by PSP, both from Warsaw University of Technology (Fig. 4).

Grzegorz Gomółka representing the SPIE Student Chapter at WRUST (Wrocław Univ. of Science and Technology, Poland), received the award for best student optics/photonics chapter (Fig. 5).



Fig. 5. **G. Gomółka** – the winner of the best photonics student chapter award (4th from left).

2nd International Photonics Job Fair, co-organized jointly with Polish Technological Platform on Photonics, gathered leading Polish photonics exhibitors (companies): VIGO Photonics, Łukasiewicz IMIF, Seargin, Fluence, Sygnis, Ensemble3, SHM System, FIBRAIN, Signify, CEZAMAT, and representatives of Berlin-Brandenburg Cluster OpTecBB (Fig. 6). FIBRAIN was chosen by students as the most attractive presenter of the Fair.



Fig. 7. 2nd International Photonics Job Fair.

Since 2009, the Photonics Society of Poland has been editing *Photonics Letters of Poland* (PLP), initially in collaboration with SPIE and recently with the Warsaw Univ. of Technology, Faculty of Physics. The current 58th PLP issue contains - among others - papers written by the distinguished guests of the 15th Anniversary PSP Jubilee: Bernard Kress, Ulrike Woggon, and Claus Roll.