

5-th European Workshop on Optical Fibre Sensors

Conference web-site: <http://www.5ewofs.eu/>

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Following the successful Workshops in Peebles (1998), Santander (2004), Napoli (2007), and Porto (2010) Photonics Society of Poland has the privilege to organize in Kraków (Poland) in 2013 the fifth edition of the European Workshop on Optical Fibre Sensors, 5th EWOFS'2013. This initiative aims at promoting a scientific meeting with a high level of interaction between participants, enabling an open debate and the assessment of new concepts, technologies and applications in the domain of optical fibre sensors, as well as establishment of new collaborations and networks. EWOFS'2013 also intends to complement in time and geographical location the international conferences in this area, and in particular the International Conference on Optical Fibre Sensors (OFS). Addressing scientific achievements, technological applications and commercial exploitation, our goal is to create a programme that will be attractive for both academics and professionals working in this area. We intend to assure a set of high-level invited talks that will consider, not only topics related to optical fibre sensors, but also other scientific domains that may cause an impact on their future development. Also, we will seek to strengthen the Workshops' unique features, including the discussion of technical contributions between young researchers and experienced scientists, identifying and highlighting the most significant contributions. Because everyone's active participation is important, we intend to organize a Workshop with an invigorating and appealing Social Programme that will encourage a true scientific socialisation. Since past and future meet in the present, we intend to make EWOFS'2013 an opportunity to promote the productive interaction between young scientists, engineers and mature practitioners in this scientific and technological adventure around the subject of optical fibre sensors. At the same time, we want to honour the pioneers who have significantly contributed to its development, and encourage young researchers who chose to work in this field. EWOFS'2013 will take place a decade after the beginning of this new century, of this new millennium. Mankind is currently facing great challenges in the search for a future characterized by global justice, fair and sustainable progress, as well as economic and social wealth. This is a demanding, yet necessary purpose, and Science and Technology create opportunities so that society may evolve in that sense. In its specific domain, EWOFS'2013 should encourage scientific and technological advances, and provide a forum where young and experienced researchers and entrepreneurs may interact in a mutually profitable relationship that is oriented to the development of optical fibre sensors and its impact on society. Pursuing this central objective, we commit ourselves to do our best to create the proper atmosphere. Therefore, we would like to invite you to participate in this meeting that will take place in the metropolitan area of Krakow, Poland, in May 2013.