

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE PHOTONICS SOCIETY OF POLAND (PSP)
AND
SPIE - THE SOCIETY OF PHOTO-OPTICAL INSTRUMENTATION ENGINEERS

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is established in recognition of a strong interest in mutual cooperation between PSP and SPIE. PSP and SPIE agree to this MOU for purposes of connecting members of the international photonic science and engineering community through the exchange of information and encouraging scientific contact between members. The terms of this MOU are as follows:

1. Information Exchange

Each organization will identify a primary contact person for the purpose of fulfilling the terms of this agreement. The contact person will be included in the membership communications of each organization.

PSP and SPIE agree to exchange the following information:

- a. Membership newsletters and member communications
- b. An annually updated list of officers and key staff and their email addresses
- c. Selected material and information about technical conferences, education programs, exhibitions, publications, Fellows, scholarships and grant programs.
- d. Relevant press releases
- e. PSP and SPIE will exchange information, as appropriate on a request basis, about research funding in Poland and elsewhere in the world, industry and scientific developments, and related information that helps each organization stay current of changing activity in the field.

2. Increased Involvement

The organizations will actively look for opportunities to increase participation and visibility of their members in each organization's activities and programs. Possible examples include:

- a. Nominate qualified candidates for respective organization's Award and Fellows programs.
- b. Encourage qualified colleagues to submit papers and to contact program committee chairs for conference planning participation in respective organization's conferences. This may necessarily exclude directly competing events in topic/time/region.
- c. Encourage qualified colleagues to submit articles to relevant organization journals.
- d. Collaborate on student outreach projects and student competition prizes.
- e. Encourage participation on organizational governance committees.
- f. Promote applications to organizational grant programs.
- g. Exchange article ideas for use in member magazines and newsletters.
- h. Exchange of organizational website links.

3. Congresses, Exhibitions and Publications

- a. Congress registration discounts:
 - PSP will provide a 50% registration discount to six (6) SPIE members and three (3) SPIE student members at PSP organized congresses annually.
 - SPIE will provide a 50% registration discount to six (6) PSP members and three (3) PSP student members at SPIE organized congresses annually.

- Members to receive registration discounts must be submitted to organizational contacts by the organization President or staff in advance of the meeting by the pre-registration deadline. Pre-registration will be required.
- b. Exhibition discounts: On a space available basis, PSP and SPIE will offer regional pavilion exhibition discounts of 10% -15% at their exhibitions to groups of exhibitors organized by the other organization. Exhibition space may be limited and will be assigned on a first come first serve basis; space availability is not guaranteed.
- c. Exhibition space trades may be possible in some instances and will be evaluated on a case by case basis for parity.
- d. PSP and SPIE will consider partnering on conferences and exhibitions of mutual interest. A separate agreement outlining the responsibilities of each organization will be established for any joint event on which the organizations agree to cooperate.
- e. PSP and SPIE will consider partnering on publications including conference proceedings and journals. A separate agreement outlining the responsibilities of each organization will be established for any joint publishing agreement.
- f. SPIE will provide a \$2000 travel grant per year for an invited speaker/visiting lecturer to participate in one PSP-sponsored event per year.
- g. SPIE will support best student paper awards at any event that it also serves as a cooperating organization or co-sponsor.

4. Membership Benefits

- a. Members and student members of PSP living in Poland may join SPIE at special consideration country rates* as long as these apply. Special Consideration Country Membership includes full society privileges including an online journal, voting rights and the eligibility to serve on Committees and the Board of Directors.
 - *Current special consideration country rates are \$30 USD for members and \$10 USD for student members. Special consideration countries and rates are re-evaluated annually.
- b. PSP members living in Poland will receive special consideration country discounts* on SPIE Digital Library subscriptions.
 - *Current special consideration country rates are \$95 USD for 25 downloads and \$125 USD for 50 downloads. Special consideration countries and rates are re-evaluated annually.
- c. Members of SPIE can join PSP at a discounted rate of \$10 for regular Members and free for Student Members with proof of SPIE Membership.
- d. PSP leadership are encouraged to submit qualified SPIE Fellow and Senior Member nominations from their membership annually.
- e. Each organization will promote the discounted membership opportunity to the other's organization in appropriate membership promotions.

5. Outreach Projects

- f. PSP and SPIE will exchange information and resource material about outreach and education projects for students, women, and underrepresented groups.
- g. PSP and SPIE will collaborate to support student science competitions with judges, certificates and prizes.
- h. The organizations will work together on translations of appropriate materials for the community such as educational posters, field guides, etc.

6. No Joint Venture or Partnership Created

The organizations are independent contractors with respect to each other and nothing herein shall create any association, partnership, joint venture or agency relationship between the organizations. Neither organization has any right or authority to assume or create obligations or responsibilities on behalf of the other organization.


7. Limitations

Under the terms of this agreement neither SPIE nor PSP will be held responsible, directly or indirectly, for any claims of damages arising out of this agreement unless specifically agreed upon in advance.

8. Duration

This MOU shall supersede all other MOUS between the PSP and SPIE and will be effective from 1 February 2011 through 31 December 2013. Either party may cancel this agreement with or without cause with 30 days written notice. Amendments may be made through mutual written agreement.

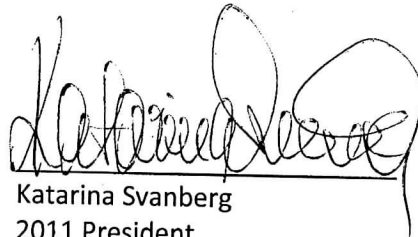
The undersigned accept this MOU.



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