

## Conference on Nonlinear Optics and Novel Materials

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**Abstract**—The current issue of the Photonics Letters of Poland contains 6 selected papers presented during the International Conference on Nonlinear Optics and Novel Materials held in Vinh in Vietnam. The conference was organized jointly by Vinh University and the Faculty of Physics, University of Warsaw.

The current issue of the Photonics Letters of Poland is dedicated to the International Conference on Nonlinear Optics and Novel Materials, which was held in Vinh, the biggest city in Central Vietnam, from November 29th to December 3th, 2015. It was the first International Conference on optics organized in *Trường Đại học Vinh* (Vinh University) and was a result of joint efforts of Polish and Vietnamese scientists working together for many years now and having a long-term goal to establish a new School of Optics at Vinh University.

It is worth underlining that the Conference covered major fields of photonics and consisted of four days of plenary, invited and contributed lectures accompanied by poster presentations. It was envisioned as a first major regional conference organized in Vietnam, to bring together world-renowned experts and researchers. It was one of the crowning events in the International Year of Light in Vietnam.

Although Vinh University is young, over 56 years of its existence it has established a distinctive position in the educational and research landscape of Vietnam. A brilliant point of this is the “School of Optics” which was initiated at the beginning of the 1990s by one of us (C.L.V) in cooperation with authorities of Vinh University, intensively developed from the beginning of the recent century with active support of the second of us (M.T.) and other Polish physicists. Now the “School of Optics” at Vinh University has more than twenty doctors (including the present rector of Vinh University, Prof. Dr. Dinh Xuan Khoa), a few hundred master’s degrees have been awarded and a few hundred scientific publications came out in Vietnam and abroad. We predict that in the near future, it will certainly become a famous center for Optics in the South-Eastern Region of Asia. The contributions printed here cover different aspects of

Nonlinear Optics and Novel Materials. These two domains of physics, intensively developed over the last years and the papers presented at the Conference fall within the scope of the Photonics Letters of Poland.

In conclusion, we would like to express our gratitude to all participants and look forward to meeting again during the next conference in Vinh in 2019, when we will celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of *Trường Đại học Vinh*.

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