

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE ACADEMIA MEXICANA DE OPTICA (AMO)
AND SPIE**

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is established in recognition of a strong interest in mutual cooperation between AMO and SPIE. AMO 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. AMO and SPIE agree to exchange the following information:

- a. Membership newsletters and communications
- b. An annually updated list of officers and key staff and their email addresses
- c. Selected material about technical conferences, education programs, exhibitions, publications, Fellows, scholarships and grant programs
- d. Relevant press releases.

2. Increased Involvement

The organizations will work to increase participation and visibility of their members in organizational activities and programs.

- a. Nominate qualified candidates for organizational Award and Fellows programs.
- b. Encourage qualified colleagues to contact program committee chairs about conference planning participation.
- c. Encourage qualified colleagues to submit articles to relevant organization journals.
- d. Collaborate on student outreach projects.
- 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 website links.

3. Congresses and Exhibitions

- a. Scientific paper submissions:
 - Members of AMO will be able to submit scientific papers to SPIE congresses under the same terms as SPIE members
 - Members of SPIE will be able to submit papers to AMO congresses under the same terms as AMO members

- b. Congress registration discounts:
 - AMO will provide a 50% registration discount to six (6) SPIE members and three (3) SPIE student members at AMO sponsored or co-sponsored congresses annually.
 - SPIE will provide a 50% registration discount to six (6) AMO members and three (3) AMO student members at SPIE's Optics and Photonics Symposia annually.
 - Members to receive discounts must be submitted to organizational contacts by the organization President or staff. Pre-registration will be required.
- c. AMO and SPIE will offer regional pavilion exhibition discounts of 10% -15% at their exhibitions to groups organized by the other organization. Exhibition space is limited and will be assigned on a first come first serve basis.
- d. Exhibition space trades will be evaluated on a case by case basis.
- e. AMO 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.

5. Membership Benefits

- a. Members and student members of AMO living in Mexico may join SPIE at special consideration rates*. Special Consideration Membership includes full Society privileges including an online journal, voting rights and the ability to serve on committees and the Board of Directors.

* The special consideration rate is currently \$30 USD for members and \$10 USD for student member. Special consideration countries and rate are evaluated annually.

- b. Institutions in Mexico and AMO members living in Mexico will receive special consideration discounts on SPIE Digital Library papers and subscriptions.
- c. Members of SPIE can join AMO at a discounted rate of 250 Pesos for regular members and 125 Pesos for student Members with proof of SPIE Membership.
- d. AMO will submit one SPIE Fellow nomination annually by 1 October.

6. Outreach Projects

- a. AMO will send SPIE information and resource material about outreach and education projects for students and women.
- b. SPIE will send AMO educational outreach materials (posters, DVDs) and programs.
- c. AMO and SPIE will collaborate to support student science competitions with judges, certificate and prizes.
- d. The organizations will work together on translations of educational posters produced by both organizations.

7. Officer/ Visiting Lecturer Visit

SPIE will provide travel expenses, for a Visiting Lecturer to present at an AMO sponsored congress or meeting at the request of the AMO. The AMO will pay hotel and the local costs of the visit.

8. 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.

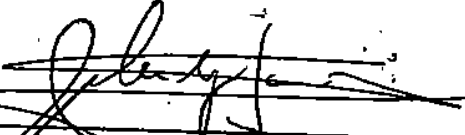
9. Limitations

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

10. Duration

This MOU shall be effective from November 1, 2007 through October 31, 2010. 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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