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Dear Photonics21 Member,

Today you receive the newly designed Photonics21 newsletter for the first time! Hopefully you like the new design and feel attracted by the content.

The main topic is the upcoming **Annual Meeting** at the 8th and 9th of December in Brussels. This is the best place to network and to get in touch with important stakeholders within the field of Photonics. Last year more than 250 members attended the Annual Meeting. So please save your place at your earliest convenience.

Meanwhile the Photonics21 platform represents more than 1,000 members from over 43 countries and has become a strong voice for photonics in Europe.

The next newsletter will be published on the 15th of December 2008.

In the hope to meet you at the Annual Meeting in December I wish you until then a pleasant time

Andrea Keune  
Secretariat Photonics21

**Photonics21 - Annual Meeting**

Representing more than 1.000 members from industry, research and politics the Photonics21 Annual Meeting has become the major event to the European Photonics community.



The third **Annual Meeting** will be held at the Radisson SAS Royal Hotel, Brussels from **Monday December 8,** to **Tuesday December 9, 2008.**

Its sessions start in the morning of December 9. All participants are invited to an Evening Reception on December 8 at the conference hotel. The informal get together invites to share information, discuss strategies or even to set the starting point for future cooperation

Topics of this years' event are

- Research strategy for Photonics Europe - the platform reviews 2008 activities and decides on action items for 2009
- 2009 FP7 calls in Photonics - work groups discuss key strategic projects and project consortia
- Coordination of national funding in Europe - political mirror group provides information on ongoing and planned activities
- Skills shortage - an European action plan will be determined to overcome the lack of qualified workforce for Photonics industry

The Registration fee has been set at 130 Euro (incl. 21% VAT) covering entrance

to all sessions, lunch, coffee breaks and Evening Reception.

As the Annual Meetings were fully booked in the past, a registering at earliest convenience is recommended. Registration will be processed on a 'first come - first serve' basis. Registrations must be received by November 24.

Online registration on: [www.photonics21.org](http://www.photonics21.org)

**Don' t hesitate: Get informed! Join the Annual Meeting 2008!**

**Draft Agenda**  
**Save your place now**

### **Mirror Group meeting during Annual Meeting**

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For the second time there will be as well a Mirror Group meeting alongside the Photonics21 Annual Meeting. There is a great interest of national governments to coordinate Photonics funding activities on EU level. The attendees will discuss in detail the planned ERA-NET Plus in Photonics.

The Mirror Group consists of representatives from national/regional Ministries resp. public funding agencies and the European Commission. Members of the Mirror Group are supposed to be involved in the development and modification of national/regional research programmes and policies in the area of Optics and Photonics.

[More information](#)

### **OITDA-Chief Manager gives keynote presentation at the Annual Meeting**

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On this year annual meeting we are proud to announce that Mr. Kimio Tatsuno, the chief manager of OITDA (Optoelectronic Industry and Technology Development Association) located in Japan will give an overview on the future developments of the photonics market to all attendees of the annual meeting.

[More information on OITDA](#)

### **More than 1,000 members join Photonics21**

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Meanwhile Photonics21 counts more than 1,000 members from over 43 countries. Within the last three years the number of our members quadrupled.

The platform has become the most influential photonics organisation in Europe.

### **Initiative for Photonics founded in South Africa**

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The South African Photonics Initiative (PISA) - supported by the Department of Science and Technology (DST) - has



recently been established. One of the first projects will be the development of a photonics technician course, given the serious shortage of photonics technicians and artisans in South Africa. The Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) National Laser Centre and the Laser Research Institute at Stellenbosch University are currently driving the PISA project. PISA ultimately aims to stimulate multidisciplinary research, human capital development (HCD), as well as create economic benefits for South Africa via photonics. Interim CSIR Group Executive: R&D, Thulani Dlamini, is leading the CSIR's involvement in the initiative.

[More information](#)

### **Forthcoming European Photonics Events**

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#### **PhOREMOST "Advances in Nanophotonics"**

**30 - 31 October 2008 - Barcelona, Spain**

This will be the final meeting of the PhOREMOST Network of Excellence. It will consist of plenary speakers, invited talks, short research presentations and posters.

[External website](#)

#### **Symposium on Photonic Packaging**

**13 November 2008 - Munich, Germany**

Coming generations of data and telecommunication will be strongly driven by the permanently growing demand for higher data rates as well as for higher interconnection density and low power. At the Symposium International experts from research and industry will show how handle these challenges, giving an overview of the most important state-of-the-art technologies and current roadmap.

[External website](#)

#### **UK Photovoltaic Solar Energy Industry Road Mapping Event**

**18 - 19 November 2008 - venue TBC**

In November 2008, the WOF PV Special Interest Group, the Photonics KTN and the Centre for Solar Energy Research (CSER) will undertake the Road Mapping of the PV industry in the UK. This will be an important and informative process and will involve key players within the solar energy industry.

[External website](#)

#### **ICT 2008**

**25 - 27 November 2008 - Lyon, France**

Europe's biggest research event for information and communication technologies

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#### **Photonics Valencia 2008 - FOTONICA21 General Assembly**

**26. - 27. November 2008 - Valencia, Spain**

AIDO, an expert technology & innovation centre within the area of optics applied to industry since 1988, will hold the event Photonics Valencia 2008. The conference, which will take place on the 3rd floor of Valencia's Convention and Exhibition Centre, joins two of the most important international industrial events that AIDO has been hosting in the last five years: the Laser Material Processing Workshop and the International Machine Vision Forum.

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#### **European Photonic Integration Forum**

**10 December 2008 - subsequent to the Photonics 21 Annual Meeting in the SAS Radisson, Brussels, Belgium**

The Forum is organized by the European Network ePIXnet which, over the past four years, has transformed the European research scene in photonic integration and which has launched technology platforms to enable advanced research and prototyping in this field. This Forum will be set up as an open meeting in which prominent speakers from around the world will present their views on the industrial

prominent speakers from around the world will present their views on the industrial developments in photonic integration as well as on key research directions for the future.

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