

[OSA Foundation News]



HEOS volunteers and Alabama teachers measure distances using Hands-On Optics Terrific Telescopes.

Local Section Makes It Harder to Outsmart a Fifth Grader

The OSA Foundation (OSAF) congratulates OSA Local Section Huntsville Electro-Optical Society (HEOS) for its outstanding success in educational outreach. The OSAF provided financial support and donated several “Hands-On Optics Terrific Telescope Kits” to HEOS’s program, which was called “Hands-On Optics in the Alabama Classroom.”

By partnering with the Alabama Math, Science and Technology Initiative, HEOS is helping to incorporate inquiry-based lessons into the fifth-grade science curriculum. Section members volunteer their time and expertise, instructing fifth-grade science teachers on new interactive methods for educating students about optics. Participating

teachers are very enthusiastic about the program. Thus far, local section members have trained 30 fifth-grade teachers and reached more than 1,000 students through the program. To learn more about OSA Foundation programs, please visit www.osa-foundation.org.

[Honors and Awards]

Fellow Takes Humboldt Award



OSA Fellow **Constance Chang-Hasnain** is a recipient of a Humboldt Research Award from the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation.

This award is conferred in recognition of lifetime achievements in research. In addition, Chang-Hasnain has been invited to carry out research projects of her own choice in cooperation with specialist colleagues in Germany.

Board Member Receives Bhabha Award



OSA congratulates board member **Bishnu Pal**, who received the Homi J. Bhabha Award for Applied Science from the University Grants Commission

in New Delhi, India. With the help of an endowment by the Hari Om Ashram Trust, Nadiad, the Commission instituted these awards in 1974 to recognize the work of outstanding scientists.

[Publications]

OSA Launches Spotlight on Optics to Highlight OSA Journals

OSA is pleased to announce the launch of a new interactive online feature called Spotlight on Optics (www.opticsinfobase.org/spotlight). Spotlight is accessible through Optics InfoBase, OSA’s online database of journal content.



Spotlight articles are selected by the editors of each journal to show the breadth and quality of content from all 13 OSA journals. Content will be updated on a regular basis to keep readers informed of the timeliest research being reported in the field of optics and photonics. All *Spotlight* articles are marked with a spotlight icon and are freely available to the public.

Editors identify articles that have excellent scientific quality, are representative of the level of work taking place in a specific area, and provide perspective on related work in the field. Each *Spotlight* article will be accompanied by original summaries and any applicable multimedia. In addition, readers will be able to post comments to the *Spotlight* page.

Welcome New Editors

OSA is happy to announce that **Konrad Banaszek** of Nicolaus Copernicus University has agreed to serve as a new associate editor for *Optics Express*. Also, **Catherine Towers** of the University of Leeds has recently joined the editorial board of *Applied Optics*.

We’d also like to thank **Stefan Enoch** of the Institut Fresnel, **Brian Orr** of Macquarie University and **Satoru Okamoto** of Keio University for agreeing to serve second three-year terms as associate editors for *Optics Express*. **Kai-Erik Peiponen** has also agreed to a second term as topical editor for *Applied Optics*. We thank these members of the optics community for their support of OSA journals.

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