Students Gather for IONS in Glasgow
The sixth conference of the International OSA Network of Students (IONS) was held in July 2009 at the University of Strathclyde in Glasgow, Scotland, United Kingdom. The conference brought together 45 students from many countries, including the United Kingdom, Ireland, Spain, France, Germany and Russia.
IONS gives students the opportunity to network and share research with their peers by presenting talks and posters. Students participated in a poster session for student chapter updates and a company showcase. OSA student members Alexander Kuhlicke and Kevin Murphy won the best talk and best poster prizes, respectively. Participants also enjoyed numerous social events, including a reception at Glasgow’s City Chambers, a dinner followed by a traditional Scottish dance (ceilidh) and a trip to a whisky distillery and Loch Lomond. IONS’ will be held at the NUI Galway.

OSA Takes Part in CLEO Pacific Rim
OSA hosted a number of events in conjunction with the 8th Pacific Rim Conference on Lasers and Electro-Optics (CLEO/Pacific Rim 2009) in Shanghai, China, including a well-attended member reception and a full-day of programs for student members. Past and present OSA board members joined OSA for these events, including OSA President Tom Baer, OSA President-elect Jim Wyant, OSA Vice-President Chris Dainty, Board member Thomas Elsaesser and Past Presidents Eric Van Stryland and Tingye Li.

New England Members Contribute to Cambridge Science Festival
Earlier this year, many universities participated in the 3rd annual Cambridge Science Festival. The opening day event—called the Science Carnival—was held at M.I.T.’s Kresge Auditorium; it featured science activities geared toward all ages.
OSA sections and student chapters were active participants. OSA’s New England section presented Optics: Light at Work and the Tufts University student chapter contributed volunteers as well as activities, including an optically guided Lego car, diffraction gratings and polarizing filters to exhibit during the carnival alongside New England section members.

Welcome New Editors
OSA is happy to announce that Julie Bentley of the University of Rochester, Bernard Kippelen of the Georgia Institute of Technology, U.S.A., and Adrian Stern of the Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Israel, have agreed to serve as new associate editors for Optics Express. We thank these members of the optics community for their support of OSA journals.

OSA Helps Girls GETSET for College
The OSA Foundation recently supported an outreach program focused on educating girls in optics. In Girls Exploring Technology, Science and Engineering Together (GETSET), girls participate in various experiments, ranging from light- ing incandescent bulbs using microwave radiation to observing the emission spectrum of gases to trapping laser beams in water streams. The girls even used super-cooled superconductors to levitate magnets. The most recent event was held in March at San Francisco State University. It brought together more than 50 girls from several economically challenged Bay Area high schools.

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