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Optifab 2007 a Success for Exhibitors

North America's only optical fabrication exhibition wrapped up last week

Bellingham, Wash—May 25, 2007—SPIE and APOMA (The American Precision Optics Manufacturers Association) just concluded Optifab 2007 at the Rochester Riverside Convention Center in Rochester, New York.

Optifab 2007 featured the largest gathering of optical manufacturing equipment suppliers ever held in North America, providing buyers with a comprehensive showcase of optical manufacturing technology. Surpassing the success of Optifab 2005, this year's meeting and exhibition welcomed over 1,850 attendees to the technical conference and 175 exhibiting companies, in addition to many courses and workshops.

Exhibitors agree that Optifab is an exceptional opportunity to meet and interact with worldwide experts from, and practitioners of, classical and advanced optical manufacturing technologies. The world's leading optical manufacturers presented their products and services in operations, machines, tools, metrology, and processes.

Mark Kleir, Kleir International LLC, was extremely happy with the turnout. "I had enough interest in the first 45 minutes to pay for the show. I've been to a lot of shows over the years and I'm amazed by the rush when Optifab opened, and this is with my booth in the back corner," Kleir enthused.

Mario Patraschkov of dopa Diamond Tools was equally pleased, stating, "We walked the Photonics West floor and picked up the brochure for Optifab. This is our very first show. We heard from some of the top guys in optical manufacturing that Optifab was for us and he was right. Our potential customers are here, including people from the optical shops walking the floor with their loupes. That is exactly who we want to see."

Optifab will return to Rochester in May 2009. For more information about SPIE meetings and exhibitions see <http://spie.org/x306.xml>.

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