



Press release

Derveni awarded SPIE Optics and Photonics Education Scholarship

BELLINGHAM, Washington, USA – 9 June 2015 – Burim Derveni has been awarded a 2015 Optics and Photonics Education Scholarship by SPIE, the international society for optics and photonics for his potential contributions to the field of optics, photonics or related field.



Derveni is an international student pursuing a bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering at Drexel University (USA). He is planning to continue his education by pursuing his Masters in Science through the Accelerated BS/MS program at Drexel Univ. His research focuses on visible light communications and he is a co-author on this topic. "I am grateful to SPIE for awarding me this scholarship. It is a great support for me as a growing engineer and scientist. I will use it to cover some of my education, and research expenses," said Derveni.

In 2015 SPIE awarded \$353,000 in education and travel scholarships to 126 outstanding individuals, based on their potential contribution to optics and photonics, or a related discipline. Award-winning applicants were evaluated, selected and approved by the SPIE Scholarship Committee, Chaired by SPIE volunteer Cristina Solano.

Through 2014, SPIE has distributed over \$4.5 million dollars in individual scholarships. This ambitious effort reflects the Society's commitment to education and to the next generation of optical scientists and engineers around the world.

To view press releases of the scholarship recipients as they become available go to <http://spie.org/x1737.xml>. Contact scholarships@spie.org if you have any questions. Learn more at <http://spie.org/scholarships>.

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