

Student Chapters 2006 Bi-Annual Report

May 15th 2006

Montréal SPIE Student Chapter, Quebec, Canada

We started the creation of our chapter early last April. Thus far, our members include:

- Aref Bakhtazad
- Stéphane Larouche
- Yannick Lize
- Sébastien Besner
- Dongwook Cho
- Paul Ndione
- Fulvio Ratto
- Etienne Boulais
- Paul Boyer
- Maguelonne Héritier
- Louis Jay
- Yasaman Soudagar
- François Busque
- Benoit Sévigny
- Jérôme Poulin
- Li Fanxin
- Félix Bussière
- Bill Baloukas
- David Rioux

Our very first meeting was held on April 27th, 2006. In this meeting, by elections, we determined the executive members to be:

President: François Busque (spie@polymtl.ca)
Vice President: Sébastien Besner
Secretary: Yasaman Soudagar
Treasurer: Jérôme Poulin

We decided on the following activities till January 2007:

a) Creation of website.

b) Networking between members and getting to know each other's research by giving talks:

This work is already initiated and we hope to have our first talk in late May.

c) Inviting speakers, organizing workshops and lab visits:

A workshop is being organized in collaboration with the OSA Student chapter at Ecole Polytechnique de Montréal. It will be held some time within summer 2006 (the exact date to be determined). The duration of the workshop is two days and it is geared towards senior undergraduate and early graduate students. The purpose is to familiarize students with different topics in optics to help them choose their research subject according to their interest. To reach this objective, there will be four invited speakers, each of whom is specialized in a different field of optics and will give a 3 hour introductory lecture on the main concepts of that field. The experimental workshops, in which students gain practical knowledge of a number of specific experimental techniques, will be held each day after the theoretical sessions. During this time students will gain the opportunity to visit different laboratories and learn about the kind of research being carried on in each of these labs.

d) Recruitment: (1) SPIE publicity inside universities.
(2) Organizing SPIE day
(3) Introducing SPIE in classes
(4) Setting up a SPIE Kiosk during the initiation week

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