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## **Aydogan Ozcan honored with SPIE Early Career Achievement Award**

BELLINGHAM, Washington, USA – 25 April 2011 – **Aydogan Ozcan**, University of California, Los Angeles, CA, USA, is the 2011 recipient of the Early Career Achievement Award in recognition of his pioneering contributions to non-destructive nonlinear material characterization techniques, near-field and on-chip imaging and diagnostic systems.

“Prof. Ozcan invented the concept of differential near-field scanning optical microscopy, which significantly improves the optical signal to noise ratio in near-field imaging,” said Jia-Ming Liu, a professor in the Electrical Engineering Department at UCLA. “Such a jump in the performance of optical near-field imaging enables the use of sensor arrays such as spectrometers to open new avenues for high resolution optical imaging that would normally not be feasible with the existing approaches.”

Ozcan is an SPIE member, and has authored numerous papers for SPIE symposia. He has served as a program committee member for [SPIE Photonics West](#) since 2009.

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