



Press release

## Piavchenko awarded John Kiel Scholarship

BELLINGHAM, Washington, USA – May 24, 2019 – **Gennadii Piavchenko** has been awarded the 2019 John Kiel Scholarship by SPIE, the international society for optics and photonics, for his potential contributions to the field of optics, photonics or related field.



Piavchenko is a PhD student in the Histology, Cytology and Embryology Department at the Orel State University (Russian Federation) where he is supervised by Prof. Vladimir Nozdrin (Orel State Univ.) and Prof. Sergey Kuznetsov (Sechenov Univ.). His research is based on an interdisciplinary approach combining behavioral neuroscience and applied pharmacology with novel trends in biophotonics, supervised by Dr. Andrey Dunaev. He has authored/co-authored 7 peer-review articles and holds one patent for a nervous tissue staining method.

The Society awarded \$298,000 in education scholarships to 84 outstanding SPIE student members, 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 Jeremy Bos.

Through 2018, SPIE has distributed \$6 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.

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