SPIE Photonics West and BIOS Expo 2021 Revised Event Dates

We are writing following the announcement that Photonics West 2021 will be postponed and will now occur 6—11 March 2021 at the Moscone Center in San Francisco, California, USA. With the COVID-19 pandemic still in the global headlines, we are hopeful that these extra 6 weeks will allow us to hold a safe and successful in-person event. So, what do this change in dates mean for you, our exhibitors?

1. New exhibition contracts are **not** required. A contract addendum will be emailed out by the end of the month that you will be asked to sign. *(BiOS Expo exhibitors will receive a separate addendum)*

2. The revised dates for final payments as well as any cancellation or space reduction decisions have been adjusted as follows: *(these same dates also apply to the BiOS Expo)*
   1. October 8: Companies that cancel or reduce their space by this date receive a full refund
   2. October 9 –November 11: cancellation or reduction in space result in 25% deposit forfeited
   3. October 27: Balance of payment due
   4. October 28: 5% late fee added to any unpaid balance
   5. November 12: No refunds for cancellation or reduction of space; loss of space if full payment not yet received

3. Housing will now open in early August. An email will follow once the actual date has been confirmed.

4. The new dates no longer have a compressed move-in schedule that originally impacted the January dates. Move-in will follow its traditional schedule.

5. Space assignments for all remaining contracted companies are currently on hold while everyone evaluates the new event dates and contract addendums are being collected. Communication on a new assignment timeline will be forthcoming.

6. Your safety, and that of the Photonics West attendees, is our top priority which may mean a different floor layout configuration to help ensure social distancing. We will keep you updated with any necessary changes as we get closer to the event.

The Exhibition and Sales team understand that these are truly unique times with an ever-changing environment. We thank you for your continued support of SPIE and Photonics West and look forward to welcoming you to San Francisco in March 2021. Should you have questions about the change of date or need some time to consider the implications before signing the addendum, please feel free to reach out to any of us with questions. We are here to assist you.
Important news: SPIE Photonics West moves to 6-11 March 2021

SPIE Photonics West 2021 held at San Francisco’s Moscone Center has been rescheduled to 6-11 March.

We’ll be working with the facility and our vendors to do all we can to ensure a safe and productive opportunity to meet together, following health and government guidelines. The new dates provide more space to accommodate the program and the exhibition as we implement new meeting guidelines and requirements. Our goal is to again create the Photonics West you have come to expect and many thousands have enjoyed.

We hope you will plan to join us – a few weeks later than usual in 2021 – to share results and ideas, see what's new in optics and photonics technology and products, and reconnect with colleagues from around the world.

Exhibitors and authors will receive more information soon about timelines and other important information. The event web page will also provide ongoing updates. Sign up to receive all Photonics West email updates.

Visit the event page