



## Optics for Arts, Architecture, and Archaeology (O3A) IX (OM103)

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The Optics for Arts, Architecture and Archaeology Conference is being held again in Munich as part of the SPIE Optical Metrology Symposium at the World of Photonics Congress in June 2023. O3A is an established event for discussing advanced methods and new instruments for the study, conservation and documentation of cultural heritage. The symposium is a unique forum focused on optics research in the field of heritage science. Optics applications in cultural heritage has a long and dynamic history owing to the non-destructive nature of optical imaging starting with microscopy, infrared photography and X-radiography. Optical imaging provided the most popular methods of examination for cultural heritage before micro-chemical analysis became possible. In recent years, the development of new imaging and spectroscopic techniques have revitalized the application of optics in cultural heritage. The non-invasive nature of these techniques means that whole objects and collections can now be examined with multiple techniques, which will inevitably result in unprecedented amount of data collected that will in turn push new boundaries in data and image processing methods. The demand of the developing European Research Infrastructure for Heritage Science ([www.e-rihs.eu](http://www.e-rihs.eu)) for new instruments, data processing methods and facilities will no doubt advance the field even further.

The 2023 symposium will discuss instruments and techniques that span the entire electromagnetic spectrum and cover a broad range of spatial scales along with the associated data and image processing and visualization methods. New instruments and techniques, multi-modal imaging and multi-technique integrated analysis and data fusion techniques that meets the challenges of big data analytics are expected to be the focus. A further area of focus is the examination of potential damage to materials caused by illumination sources such as lasers and X-rays, to ensure that a technique is not only effective but also safe for heritage materials.

Contributions are welcome and will be considered in all fields of research for cultural and natural heritage including the following areas of interest:

- 3D topographic scanning, surface examination and analysis (e.g. optical profilometry, reflectance transformation imaging, structured light imaging and other triangulation based methods, etc.)
- 3D tomographic imaging, stratigraphic and depth resolved methods (e.g. optical coherence tomography, non-linear microscopy, terahertz imaging, micro-CT etc.)
- large scale internal structural analysis (e.g. holography and other interferometric techniques)
- imaging and spectroscopy for material analyses (e.g. the various spectral imaging modalities such as reflectance imaging from UV to infrared, fluorescence imaging and fluorescence lifetime imaging, laser induced breakdown spectroscopy, laser induced fluorescence and Raman spectroscopy, X-ray imaging, synchrotron based techniques, etc.)
- remote imaging, sensing and spectroscopy at large stand-off distances, including drone-based methods
- new portable instruments for in situ applications
- multimodal imaging and multitechnique analysis, including data fusion methods
- multiscale and multiwavelength imaging for structural and material analysis
- light-matter interactions (signal-generating interactions in the various imaging and spectroscopic techniques, material degradation induced by natural lighting or illumination sources associated with an analysis technique)
- advanced image processing methods, including artificial intelligence and machine learning methods to tackle big data problems
- new data visualization methods
- new methods and applications to cultural heritage research.

The symposium will be an ideal forum to introduce new applications, to exchange ideas and to discuss methods and best practices for optics applied to heritage science. The World of Photonics Congress offers a perfect opportunity for instrumentalists to engage with industry and to learn about the latest developments in sensor technology and optical components at the accompanying exhibition.

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