



The ICO Bureau will meet in Lisbon

All the information about AOP2026 can be found at the official website aop2026.org.



Prof. Manuel Costa from Universidade do Minho (Braga, Portugal) is the current president of the Portuguese Society for Optics and Photonics (SPOF).

AOP2026, the 7th International Conference on Applications of Optics and Photonics, will host the next meeting of the ICO Bureau. This international congress has been traditionally celebrated in Portugal by SPOF, the Portuguese Society for Optics and Photonics. Building on the success of previous editions in places such as Braga, Aveiro or Guimarães, AOP2026 will take place in **Lisbon, from July 7 to 10, 2026**, at the Lisbon School of Engineering (ISEL) campus. All accepted contributions will be included in a book of abstracts, which will be assigned to its own DOI number. The congress is known for its open and welcoming atmosphere, supporting meaningful dialogue, collaboration, and the exchange of impactful ideas. Its seventh edition aims to continue this tradition by promoting effective knowledge exchange and interdisciplinary collaboration, facilitating the dissemination and discussion of recent findings and technological break-throughs, and offering ample opportunities for networking in a collegial and engaging environment, bringing together leading experts and emerging voices to share their latest advancements in Optics and Photonics.

Lisbon, the attractive capital of Portugal, is the perfect place for combining cultural and touristic attractions with top-level discussions on a diverse range of topics, covering various sub-disciplines within optics and photonics, ranging from Quantum Optics and Quantum Information to Biophotonics and Medical Optics or from Optical Imaging and Spectroscopy to Nanophotonics and Plasmonics, among other areas.

In addition to the enlightening technical sessions, AOP2026 will also host a meeting of the ICO Bureau and will be an excellent opportunity for the planning of future events like the ICO 27th General Meeting scheduled to take place in Beijing in August 2027.

We extend a warm invitation to all scientists, researchers, students, and industry professionals to join us in Lisbon next July and engage in stimulating discussions, forge new scientific collaborations, and immerse in the vibrant cultural and natural atmosphere of the capital of Portugal.

Prof. Manuel Costa
ICO VP & SPOF President

Group photo of a previous edition of the Applications of Optics and Photonics congress, celebrated in 2024 in Aveiro, Portugal.



BIDS FOR ORGANIZING ICO28 ARE OPEN

To review the rules for organizing an ICO General Assembly, take a look at the ICO official website e-ico.org



Prof Adrian Podoleanu from the University of Kent, as ICO Associate Secretary will receive the applications for organizing ICO28.

According to the ICO statutes, the ICO is governed by its General Meeting (GM), which consists of the Bureau (non-voting) and the official delegates appointed by the Members. The General Meeting of ICO is held every third year and the next ICO General Assembly (ICO27) will take place in Beijing in August 2027.

The ICO World Congress in Optics is organized to host the ICO GM and is one of the most important scientific and technical meetings on all important topics of optics and photonics around the entire world. As the ICO motto says (Optics and Photonics for a better world), the aim of the International Commission for Optics is to contribute, on an international basis, to the progress and diffusion of knowledge in the fields of optics and photonics.

Amongst the business carried out at each of these General Meetings are the election of the Bureau, the examination of a Financial Statement presented by the Treasurer, the agreement on a provisional budget for future years, and the discussion of questions submitted by the ICO Members, or the Bureau. During the assembly, the venue for ICO28 will be also voted on.

Therefore, the ICO Bureau will be happy to receive applications for organizing the 2028 ICO General Meeting and ICO World Congress in Optics. Any ICO Territorial Committee can send a proposal through the Associate Secretary and send a delegation to the GM in Beijing to defend it.

ICO may also wish to take part, where practicable, in the risks or benefits of meetings. The amount is paid by ICO to the meeting organizers in the form of a treasury advance; it is made available to the organizers by the ICO Treasurer as soon as they request it.

It is important to remind that ICO adheres to the principles established by the International Science Council (ISC) concerning the free circulation of scientists. In particular, organizers of ICO meetings and of meetings cosponsored by ICO are requested to follow the "advice to organizers of international scientific meetings" issued by the ISC Standing Committee on the free circulation of scientists.

Prof. Adrian Podoleanu
ICO Associate Secretary



The last General meeting of the ICO was celebrated in White River, South Africa in 2024.

Procedures for the ICO Bureau Elections

Elections will take place during the next ICO27 congress in Beijing in August 2027.



Prof. John Howell, Past-President of the ICO, chairs the ICO Nomination Committee.

Shares and votes at the next General Assembly of the ICO Territories.

The ICO General Meeting (GM) will take place in August 2027 during the ICO27 congress in Beijing, as already announced. Elections for ICO Bureau positions will take place in person, as traditionally, during the second session of the GM and the candidates for the election of the new ICO Bureau will present there their statements.

Candidates for the ICO Bureau may be nominated by the ICO Nominating Committee, chaired by the ICO Past-President, and/or by the Territorial Committees (TCs). No other nominations may be received. Endorsement of all candidates by their respective TCs is requested in all cases. In addition, TCs may endorse as many candidates from any Territory as they wish.

Nominations may be received until 24 hours before the election and after its closure, the Nomination Committee establishes a final list of candidates. Each candidate must provide the committee with a short curriculum vitae and a statement.

During the GM, the elections will be conducted by the ICO Past-President, who will be in charge of vote counting. In the case of a tie for any vote, the elder candidate is declared elected. For any vote, if the number of candidates is equal to the number of seats, the NC Chairperson may decide that there is no vote and declare the candidate(s) elected.

The first rounds of votes with a single name on the ballot are, respectively, for the President, Treasurer, Secretary and Associate Secretary. Then, successive rounds with four names each are done for the elections of eight vice-presidents, provided that two from industry at least are picked. The remaining Vice-Presidents representing the International Organization Members are appointed by their respective Organizations.

**Prof. John Howell
Chairman of the ICO
Nominating Committee**

COUNTRY	SHARES	VOTES	COUNTRY	SHARES	VOTES	COUNTRY	SHARES	VOTES
Argentina	3	2	Greece	3	2	Poland	4	3
Armenia	1	1	Hungary	3	0	Portugal	2	2
Australia	6	3	India	4	3	Romania	1	1
Belarus	2	0	Indonesia	1	1	Russia	18	6
Belgium	4	0	Ireland	3	2	Singapore	3	2
Brazil	5	3	Iran	1	0	Slovak Rep.	2	2
Canada	8	4	Israel	4	3	Spain	6	3
China	11	5	Italy	12	5	Sudan	1	1
Colombia	2	2	Japan	15	5	Sweden	8	4
Cuba	1	1	Korea	4	3	Switzerland	6	3
Czech Rep.	2	2	Latvia	1	1	Taipei	3	0
Denmark	4	3	Lithuania	1	0	Tunisia	1	1
Ecuador	0	0	Mexico	3	2	Turkey	1	0
Estonia	1	1	Moldova	1	0	Ukraine	2	2
Finland	4	3	Morocco	0	0	U.K.	12	5
France	15	5	Netherlands	4	0	USA	27	6
Germany	15	5	New Zealand	3	2	Venezuela	2	2
Ghana/ Africa	1	0	Norway	4	3			

European Optics will meet at Tampere, Finland.

Information about EOSAM 2026 can be found at EOS website europeanoptics.org



Elina Koistinen is the General Director of the European Optical Society (EOS)

In 2026, the European Optical Society (EOS) will celebrate 35 years since its creation, and 20 years since establishing EOSAM as a platform for experts in the field of optics and photonics, bringing forth new research results, state-of-the-art, and bridging the gap between research, education, and industry. EOSAM is attended annually by around 500 top researchers, key leaders, students, and industry experts. EOSAM 2026 is organized by The European Optical Society, EOS, in close collaboration with Photonics Finland (EOS National Society Member), Tampere University, and PREIN Flagship. At EOSAM, you can look forward to a dynamic and engaging week that includes: a comprehensive scientific and industrial program featuring the latest research and technological developments; tutorials offering in-depth sessions on specialized topics; plenary

and invited talks delivered by leading experts in the field; a global audience, with participants representing over 30 countries and networking opportunities through dedicated events designed to encourage collaboration and meaningful knowledge exchange; an industrial exhibition showcasing the latest innovations; an early-career researcher program supporting the next generation of scientists.

Each year, EOSAM is hosted by a different leading hub of optics and photonics, highlighting the excellence in these innovative fields around Europe and delivering a unique experience to all attendees. Since its inception in 2006, EOSAM has been held in France, Scotland, Germany, the Netherlands, Italy, and Portugal.

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Forthcoming events with ICO participation

Below is a list of forthcoming events with ICO participation.

For further information, visit their official websites listed below.

7-10 July 2026

AOP 2026. Applications in Optics & Photonics

Lisbon, Portugal

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6-10 July 2026

OPTIQUE. Congrès de la SFO.

Dijon, France

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27-29 May 2026

CIFI-SEMA 2026.

Barranquilla, Colombia

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24-28 August 2026

XIV Annual Meeting of the EOS

Tampere, Finland

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