

2008 SPIE Optics + Photonics Conference

to whom it may concern,

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This year (2008) another, yet unique, SPIE Optics + Photonics Conference was held in San Diego as accustomed. Our hosts, Jason and Dirk did a grate job as the coordinators for so many people coming from different countries and “corners” of the world. We also thank too the many that helped organizing and managing this conference; it’s been a grate and successful team work you accomplished.

The event started with the Leadership Workshop in a friendly and cosy atmosphere. Some games proposed by the organizers made it easier for us to get to know each other, despite our different cultures.



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What motivates people and why was the main topic of this workshop. As a result, if you are in a leading position, you have got to answer to these questions at some point.

Another interesting activity was talking to the experts, where students had the chance to hear advices from experienced people in the field of photonics and ask questions. As can be seen in the picture there were a lot of questions.



There were so many scientific presentations, courses and seminars that we could choose from. Moreover, the exhibition was another attractions site. Here we had the chance to get in touch with the representatives of different companies working in the field of photonics or related to that.

A lot of things are to be said about this year conference as it's been reach and diverse. For now, I could remember and share only a few thoughts. I'm sure the next conferences will be for those who will attend at least as enjoyable as this one was for me. Cheers!

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