



What is an IONS meeting?

The Optical Society of America (OSA) promotes student chapters all around the world. An International OSA Network of Students (IONS) meeting is a conference for young Scientists in Optics and Photonics supported by the Optical Society of America (OSA). The International OSA Network of Students (IONS) is a program that encourages OSA student chapter members to organize and manage regional and online meetings that focus on technical and professional development content and networking.

The IONS-Project was officially launched in 2006 and has been growing into an ever more worldwide activity. Networking and wide visibility to research and researchers, as well as fostering career development at the industrial level are our most important targets.

Who is organizing this meeting?

IONS conferences are run by students. This year, for the first time, the following six Student Chapters from two different countries (Spain and Portugal) will host an IONS conference in Valencia (Spain):

- ✓ Universitat Jaume I de Castelló OSA Student Chapter (GOC), Spain
- ✓ University of Aveiro OSA Student Chapter, Aveiro, Portugal
- ✓ Institut de Ciències Fotòniques (ICFO), Barcelona, Spain
- ✓ IOSA. Instituto de Optica-CSIC OSA Student Chapter, Madrid, Spain
- ✓ Universidad de Salamanca OSAL Student Chapter, Salamanca, Spain
- ✓ USC-OSA Student Chapter, Santiago de Compostela, Spain

Why in Valencia?

Valencia has a perfect location for a collaborative IONS conference as IONS-Valencia2015, with good transport connections not only in between Spain and Portugal, but also Europe and the rest of the world. This will allow that young researchers from all around the world come to Valencia to share their works and enjoy the experience. For all these reasons, this meeting is a good chance for the Companies willing to participate in it to expand their market opportunities and get to know the new generation of Optics and Photonics researchers.

In addition, Valencia has become an outstanding convention center for the whole Europe with good communications network providing easy access to the city; a wide variety of accommodation; and an excellent climate all year guarantee a perfect stay to those who come to Valencia on a business trip.

How many Optics and Photonics researchers will meet?

From the beginning, mainly European universities and research institutes were actively participating. Due to its enormous success and rate of growth, the IONS-Project was subdivided into regional IONS-Projects in 2009. The conferences have grown significantly in size during the last few years, getting together in last meetings around 80 delegates coming from many different European research groups. The last Europe conference saw 80 students from 12 countries.

For IONS- Valencia2015, the organizing committee anticipates similar or higher successful number of participants.

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Travel Grants Available!