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- Optical Technologies in Biophysics & Medicine XIX (E.A. Genina, V.V. Tuchin)
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- Spectroscopy and Molecular Modeling XVIII (L.M. Babkov, K.V. Berezin)
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Short Course Program

SPIE SC1:
Fluorescence Microscopy for Biomedical Applications
Herbert Schneckenburger
Institute of Applied Research, Aalen University, Germany

SPIE SC2 (Initiated by SPIE Student Chapter of Bauman Moscow State Technical University):
Multimodal Imaging for the Biomedical Applications
Anna N. Yaroslavsky
Plenary speakers

Sapphire shaped crystals for biomedical applications
Vladimir N. Kurlov
Institute of Solid State Physics of RAS (Chernogolovka, Russia)

Laser speckle modelling and simulation for biophysical dynamics
Kosar Khaksari and Sean J. Kirkpatrick
Department of Biomedical Engineering, Tufts University, Medford, MA 02155 USA; Department of Biomedical Engineering, Michigan Technological University, Houghton, USA

Advances in label-free optical endomicroscopy technologies towards histological imaging of biological tissues in vivo
Xingde Li
Department of Biomedical Engineering, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, and Department of Oncology, Johns Hopkins University

Advanced methods of 3D live cell microscopy
Herbert Schneckenburger

Internet Plenary speakers

Laser trapping and manipulation of red blood cells: an efficient tool for hemorheologic research
Alexander Priezzhev
Moscow State University, Moscow, Russia

Polarization Optical Imaging as an Intraoperative tool for Skin Cancer Delineation
Anna Yaroslavsky
University of Massachusetts Lowell, USA

Multiparametric analysis of tumor development and response for chemotherapy using time-resolved imaging
Elena Zagaynova
Nizhny Novgorod State Medical Academy, Russia

New generation of compact laser sources for imaging, diagnostics and treatment in biomedicine
Edik Rafailov
Aston University, United Kingdom
Speckle fluctuations to probe dynamics on the macroscopic to microscopic scales

David Boas
Boston University, USA

Optical tools in radiation therapy

Brian Pogue
Dartmouth College, United States

Acousto-optics - review of recent developments in biomedicine

Stefan Andersson-Engels, Michael Raju and Jacqueline Gunter
Tyndall National Institute and Department of Physics, University College Cork, Cork, Ireland

In vivo skin optical clearing window for cutaneous vascular and cell imaging

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The main goal of the Symposium is to present and discuss recent developments and applications of optical and laser technologies in medicine and biology, precise mechanics and control of tissues and cells, coherent optics of random and ordered media, nonlinear dynamics of laser systems, laser physics, spectroscopy and molecular modeling, nanophotonics and nanobiophotonics. Fundamental problems of photonics, quantum optics and ultrafast optical techniques will be discussed. The main attention will be paid to discussion of basic research of interactions of coherent, low-coherent, polarized, spatially- and temporally-modulated electromagnetic radiation within the broad wavelength range from x-rays to terahertz with inhomogeneous scattering media and biological tissues and cells. Elastic, inelastic (Raman, SERS and CARS) and dynamic light scattering, Doppler effect, photoacoustic, photothermal and nonlinear effects and interactions, mechanical stresses, and photobiological effects will be considered. On this basis, the variety of laser and optical technologies for medical diagnostics, therapy, surgery, and light dosimetry, as well as for diagnostics and imaging of random and ordered media will be presented. Studies on lasers, fibers, and photonic crystal waveguides will be discussed. Plasmonics and biosensing will be one of the key features of the meeting.

Official languages of the School and the Workshops are English and Russian, translation will be provided.

The Conference fee

For foreign participants the conference fee is $ 200 (lunches, barbecue, Volga-river voyage, and light refreshments), may be paid during the Meeting or transferred to the account number for request.

For Russian participants the Conference fee will depend on financial support from sponsoring organizations.
before August 1, 2017.

**Proceedings**

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All papers will be subjected to the normal refereeing process for the journals. Manuscripts of papers should be submitted not later than November 1, 2017.

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- **Conference fee** – before September 29, 2017
- **Manuscripts submission** – before November 1, 2017


On behalf of the Organizing Committee of SFM'17-Symposium V have a pleasure in inviting you to attend this Meeting

Valery V. Tuchin
Conference: Optical Technologies in Biophysics & Medicine XIX

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The main goal of the Conference is to present and discuss recent developments and applications of laser and optical technologies in medicine and biology. The main attention will be paid to discussion of basic research and applications of coherent, low-coherent, polarized, spatially and temporally modulated light interaction with inhomogeneous absorbing media, tissue phantoms, and various types of tissues in vitro and in vivo. Such phenomena, as elastic, inelastic and dynamic light scattering, Doppler effect, nonlinear effects, photoacoustic and photothermal interactions, mechanical stresses, photobiological effects, will be considered. On this basis the variety of laser and optical technologies for medical diagnostics, therapy, surgery, and light dosimetry will be analyzed. Lasers and optical techniques for cardiology, dermatology, ophthalmology, gynecology, dentistry and other fields of medicine will be presented. Light scattering and photochemical techniques in cell biology and microbiology will be discussed.

Topics:
- Photon migration in tissues
- Diffusion wave and correlation spectroscopy of tissues
- Spectrophotometry, fluorescence and Raman spectroscopy of tissues
- Static and dynamic light scattering in tissues
- Coherent optical methods for medical diagnostics
- Cell and tissue coherent microscopy
- Optical diffusion and coherent medical topography and tomography
- Laser Doppler measuring systems for medicine and biology
- Full field speckle-correlation biomedical techniques
- Optical techniques of biovibrations measurements
- Optical polarimetric methods for study of tissues and cell structures
- Photothermal and photoacoustic methods for tissue diagnostics
- Optical biopsy
- Optical microelastography of tissues
- Osmotic effects and optical monitoring of matter diffusion in tissues
- Tissue and blood optical clearing
- Optical glucose sensing
- Laser and optical technologies in biology and medicine
- Tissue phantoms designing
- Photochemical, photothermal and photobiological effects, mechanisms of phototherapy
- High energy laser interactions with cells and tissues, laser surgery techniques
- Lasers and optical technologies in dermatology, ophthalmology, gynecology, cardiology, dentistry, etc
- Microchannel and photonic crystal technologies in biology and medicine
- Biosensors
The main goal of the Conference is to involve junior researches and students in the field of recent developments and applications of laser physics and photonics. The main attention will be paid to discussion of the physical processes underlying the laser operation, new developments in laser design and applications, as well as the quantum and coherent properties of light and a wide scope of light-matter interaction problems, including both microscopic and macroscopic effects. Physics and technology of optical fibers and networks, photonic band-gap structures, optoelectronic and acoustooptical devices will be discussed.

Topics
The scientific program will include but is not restricted to the following topic areas:
- Physical processes in lasers, dynamics of laser systems
- Optical waveguides, fiber optics, optical networks
- Photonic band-gap structures
- Laser beam and pulse propagation, ultrafast optics
- Interaction of laser radiation with matter, nonlinear optics
- Quantum optics, photon statistics
- Acoustooptics
- Optoelectronics
- Photonics of low-dimensional structures
- Laser spectroscopy
- Coherence and holography

The preliminary list of sessions:
- Nonlinear dynamics in lasers and optical systems.
- Optical coherence and holography
- Nonlinear beam and pulse propagation, ultrafast optics
- New trends in computer modeling of lasers and optical systems
- Atom and quantum optics, optical devices for quantum computing, photonics of exotic quantum systems
- Laser physics and applications
- Nonlinear optics
- Dynamics of atoms, molecules and quantum-dimensional systems in laser fields
- Band-gap structures and optical waveguides
We will discuss theoretical and experimental methods of spectroscopy and molecular modeling for study of structure and properties of atomic and molecular systems.

The program will include the following topics:

- IR spectroscopy
- Raman spectroscopy
- Fluorescence spectroscopy
- Atomic spectroscopy
- Molecular modeling (methodical aspects and applications)
Conference:
Electromagnetics of Microwaves, Submillimeter and Optical Waves XVII

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The main goal the Conference is to discuss the recent developments and applications of laser, optical and electromagnetic technologies in engineering, medicine and biology, material and environmental sciences, nanotechnology, nonlinear dynamics, laser systems, laser spectroscopy and molecular modeling. The main attention will be paid to fundamentals and general approaches of description of nonlinear and nonstationary electromagnetics for optics, biomedicine, active and passive photonics and metamaterials, interactions with nonlinear media, inhomogeneous scattering media, photonic crystals, tissue phantoms, and various types of tissues in vitro and in vivo. Another trend is the nonlinear dynamic and electronics applications to various engineering and practice problems.

Topics
The scientific program will include but is not restricted to the following topic areas:

- Antennas and propagation
- General electromagnetic field theory
- Nonstationary electromagnetics, pulse generation and propagation
- Nonlinear electromagnetics and electronics
- Diffraction and scattering of waves
- Resonators, waveguides, transmission line discontinuities and units
- Microwave, millimeter, submillimeter and optical wave radio physics and electronics
- Electromagnetic methods in optics
- Electromagnetics in biomedical applications
- Electromagnetics for condensed and artificial media, metamaterials, photonic crystals, left-handed materials
- Nonlinear dynamics
- Sensors and measurements
Boundary value problems and algorithms

**Proceedings**

Papers will be published in Conference Proceedings (in Russian and English) under the title “Problems of Optical Physics and Biophotonics” and in Saratov IEEE Chapter Proceedings under the title “Modeling in applied electromagnetics and electronics” which is the annual issue without additional charge. All papers will be subjected to the normal refereeing process for the journals. Manuscripts of papers to be published should be submitted not later than **November, 2017**.

The papers for “Modeling in applied electromagnetics and electronics” must be sent to Prof. Michael V. Davidovich DavidovichMV@info.sgu.ru in doc and pdf formats.
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Nanobiophotonics XIII

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The main goal of the Conference is to present and discuss recent developments and applications of plasmonic nanostructures with controlled geometrical, optical, and surface chemical properties, as well as multifunctional nanocomposites conjugated to various molecular ligands. These topics are the subject of intensive studies and applications in biology and medicine. To date, this field has included genomics and biosensorics, immunoassays and clinical chemistry, phototherapy of cancer cells and tumors, targeted delivery of drugs and antigens, and optical bioimaging of cells and tissues with state-of-the-art nanophotonic detection systems. Multifunctional nanocomposites that combine therapeutic, diagnostic, and sensing modalities in a single nanostructure are widely used in a new field of nanobiotechnology called theranostics. Although the term theranostics has been employed for the first time quite recently, it is now rapidly growing and promising field at the crossroads of plasmonics and nanomedicine.

Topics:
- Fabrication of plasmon-resonant NPs and nanostructures
- Multifunctional nanostructures for theranostics
- Composite nanostructured functional materials
- Optical properties of plasmon resonant NPs and nanostructures
- Physicochemical characterization of NPs and nanostructures
- Functionalization of NPs with biospecific macromolecules
- Nanoscale biosensors
- Chemical technologies based on nanoparticles
- Cell imaging with NP bioconjugates
- Photothermal and photodynamic therapy using nanocomposites
- Application of nanoparticles to the targeted drug delivery
- Uptake of NPs by cells
- Biodistribution and toxicity of NPs in vitro and in vivo
- Analytical applications of NPs and bioconjugates
- SERS with plasmonic nanostructures
- SERS tags as novel nanoprobes
- Quantum dots and its application
Conference:
Internet Biophotonics X

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The main goal of the Conference is to involve international community of researches and students in the field of recent developments of biophotonics via distant learning provided by the Internet facilities. SFM has a prolonged experience in organizing of Internet sessions during last 20 years. Participants from Australia, Bulgaria, Belarus, Belgium, Canada, China, Denmark, Finland, Germany, India, Iran, Ireland, Italy, New Zealand, Latvia, Russia, Slovakia, Portugal, Singapore, Switzerland, Turkey, UK, USA, Uzbekistan have located their papers at the meeting website: http://sfm.eventry.org/2016/internet.

In 2017 we are expecting 2 Internet Plenary lectures, 10-15 Internet invited lectures highlighting current research and recent progress in Biophotonics, which will be done by well-known experts, 20 Internet reports from post-docs and PhD students all over the world.

Topics:
- New photonic technologies for the analysis of cell and tissue processes
- Photonics for non- and minimally-invasive diagnosis and therapy
- Nanobiophotonics
- Optical micromanipulation of cells
and particles
- Biosensors
- Modeling and data analysis in Biophotonics
- Clinical applications
- Tissue and blood optical clearing
- Tissue optics
Conference: Optical Microscopy and Low-Coherence Methods in Biomedical and Non-Biomedical Applications X

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Development of non- or minimally-invasive methods for imaging, monitoring, and quantification of different materials and processes are extremely important for many biomedical (including therapy, diagnostics, management, and advanced imaging of various devastating diseases) and non-biomedical applications (dimensional metrology, material research and non-destructive testing, art diagnostics, botany, microfluidics, data storage, and security applications). This workshop will put emphasis on two aspects of optical imaging: microscopy and low coherence interferometry.

Topics
The education and scientific program will include but is not restricted to the following topic areas:

- Optical microscopy
- Methods of Low Coherence Interferometry
- Optical Coherence Tomography
- Combinations of LCI/OCT with microscopy
- Biomedical applications of optical microscopy and LCI
- Non-biomedical applications of optical microscopy and LCI
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The main goal of the Conference is to attract young scientists and students to the discussion of topical problems and results in the field of theoretical nonlinear dynamics with special attention to its application in the living systems, such as mathematical physiology, neuroscience and advanced time series analysis of biophysical and medical data.

The special attention will be given to the review of contemporary achievements in the field of research of dynamics of complex nonlinear systems, both deterministic and stochastic. It is planned to invite some leading experts for delivering plenary lectures and to present oral and poster contributions of young researchers, PhD students and graduate students.

Topics
The scientific program will include but is not limited to the following topic areas:

- Nonlinear Dynamics of Deterministic Finite-Dimensional and Distributed Systems
- Stability and Bifurcations
- Synchronization of Complex Processes
- Role of Fluctuations in Nonlinear Dynamics
- Diagnostics and Analysis of Physiological Rhythms
- Mathematical Modeling of Living Systems
We will discuss theoretical and experimental methods for studying of structure, properties (optical, electronic, etc.) and applications of the low-dimensional structures. We will discuss in detail a problem of the biomedical applications of low-dimensional structures as biomaterials. Also, within the workshop we will discuss different aspects of nanobiomechanics, molecular dynamics, nanobioelectronics.

The workshop program will include following topics:

- synthesis technology of the low-dimensional structures (nanofilms, nanocoating, nanotubes, nanowires, graphene, fullerenes);
- atomic framework and properties of the low-dimensional structures and their research methods;
- low-dimensional structures in external fields;
- biomedical and non-biomedical applications of low-dimensional structures;
- investigation of mechanisms for lipid-protein complexes diffusion into intima of arteries: biomechanical modeling, molecular modeling, 3D-computational modeling;
- atomic-force microscopy for topology of the endothelium surface.
The mathematical modeling and numerical simulation are the powerful tools for modern research. Together with advanced techniques of experimental data analysis they provide a solid computational basis for both experimental and theoretical studies in biophysics and medicine.

Recently introduced term "Biosimulation" incorporates the variety of mathematical modeling approaches and techniques and becomes the powerful tool for biomedical research and drug development. It implies different modeling levels ranging from phenomenological one to detailed description of biochemical processes and used both to reveal some basic physical mechanisms and to predict the quantitative features of processes in living systems.

The rapid development of optical and non-optical techniques for visualization and measurement results in considerable increase of attributed flows of raw data. Thus there is the need for continuous grows of capability of data processing, both quantitative (computational performance) and qualitative (adaptive and problem-specific data pre-processing). The GPU (graphics processor unit) based techniques of parallel computing becomes the popular solution providing the high performance at reasonable costs. However, it requires the adaptation of existent and the development of new computational algorithms for filtering and spatial-temporal patterns detection.

The advanced data processing is now capable to provide the insight in structural features of source system, such as interaction of internal rhythms, coupling between system components, or casualty of events. In this field, the development, validation and application of both temporal and spatial complexity measures is highly relevant, such as multimodal wavelet analysis, chirplets, fractality measurement, etc.

The main goal of the Conference is to provide the platform for discussion of the listed topics in the framework of Saratov Fall Meeting with special attention to task-specific, rather than generic aspects. The later mean that the contributions based on experimental studies showing the need for computational support are also appreciated.
**Topics**

The scientific program will include but is not restricted to the following topic areas:

- Mathematical Modeling of Biochemical and Physiological Processes
- Advanced Time Series Analysis for Biomedical Applications
- Computational Neuroscience
- Dynamical Patterns in Experimental Physiology
- GPU Computing in Processing of Biomedical Data
- Complexity measures, coupling and rhythm detection techniques
Workshop:
Advanced Polarization Technologies in Biomedicine and Material Science IV

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The main goals of the Conference are:
- to present the recent results and achievements in the area of light polarization probes of random media;
- to discuss the fundamental aspects of polarized coherent and non-coherent light propagation in scattering and absorbing media with complex structure;
- to discuss the possible applications of spectral-polarization and coherence-domain techniques for morphological and functional diagnostics in biomedicine and for characterization of micro- and nanostructured dispersive media and composite materials in material science;
- to involve young scientists and student to the active and creative work in the fields of fundamental and applied optics, laser physics, and photonics.

Topics
The scientific program will include but is not restricted to the following topic areas:
- fundamentals of polarized light propagation in random media and interrelations between the coherence and polarization properties of light waves – traditional approaches and new sights;
- basic principles and applications of singular optics and theory of optical vortices;
- polarized light in biomedicine – from simple devices to sophisticated applications;
design and practical use of polarization-based probes and sensors in various areas of modern science and technology;

double refraction, optically active, and chiral homogeneous and heterogeneous natural and artificial media;

resonant light-matter interactions at nanometer scale and their manifestations in polarization properties of scattered light;

analytical and numerical approaches to simulation of polarized light propagation in multiple scattering random media.

Conference:
Biomedical Spectroscopy IV

Chairs:
The scope of the Conference covers the diversity of spectroscopic modalities as applied to the study of bioobjects, including human body, and modern and continuously renovated biomaterials. The Conference subjects are also relevant to the fundamentals of acquisition of reliable spectral data from optically inhomogeneous objects of complex chemical composition and applications of spectroscopic standard practice and expedients in environmental science. We expect to see on the agenda, among the reports and discussions in the audience of peers, authoritative reviews of current research and recent progress addressed in their form of presentation to advanced undergraduate and postgraduate university students.

Topics

The scope and content of the Conference Scientific Program may cover, but in no way is restricted to, the following topic areas:

- Spectral characteristics of nanoparticles and nanostructures used in optical diagnostics and theranostics;
- Spectroscopic issues in optical biopsy;
- Nano- and molecular probes;
- Laser spectroscopy of bioobjects and biomaterials;
- Spectroscopic techniques for environment monitoring;
- Pitfalls and remedies in spectroscopic measurements;
- In vivo and in vitro measurements;
- Spectroscopy of random and ordered media;
- Polarization spectroscopy;
- Spectroscopic measurements on tissue phantoms.

Conference:

Laser and Optical Technologies for Brain Physiology and Pathology I

Chairs:
The main goal of the Workshop is to present and discuss the application of innovative laser and optical technologies in the clinical and basic studies of brain physiology and pathophysiology. The main attention will be paid to discussion of applications of optoelectronics, laser speckle imaging, optical coherent tomography, fluorescent, confocal and multiphoton microscopy, NIRS, MRI, modeling and mathematical analysis in the study of:

- Cerebral blood flow
- Cerebral lymphatics
- Blood-brain barrier
- Brain oncology
- Brain trauma
- Neurodegenerative diseases

Topics

The scope and content of the Conference Scientific Program may cover, but in no way is restricted to, the following topic areas:

- Lasers and optical technologies in the study of lymphatics of central nervous system;
- Optical techniques for the analysis in vivo the blood-brain barrier function;
- Models ex vivo of blood-brain barrier;
- Photodynamic therapy in the brain oncology;
- Laser Doppler and coherent-domain methods for the analysis of cerebral circulation;
- Mathematical methods and modeling of patho- and physiology of cerebral vessels;
- Photoacoustic imaging and in vivo cytometry
- Multiphoton optical imaging
- Optogenetics
- Raman, NIR, MIR and THz imaging of brain tumor margins