

**AC1 International Commission for Optics:**

The Commission held its annual Bureau (Commission) meeting on the occasion of the ICO triennial Congress ICO-21 in Sydney, Australia, 7-10 July 2008. General Assembly elected a new Bureau for 2008-2011. Maria L. Calvo (Madrid, Spain) is the new President.

The 2009 ICO Topical Meeting on Emerging Trends & Novel Materials in Photonics will be organized on 7-9 October 2009 in Delphi, Greece, including the Bureau meeting. ICO/ICTP Winter College 2008 in Trieste focused on Micro- and Nano-Photonics for Life Sciences.

During 2008 the ICO participated in nine other international conferences. The 10th ETOP (Education and Training in Optics and Photonics) will be arranged 5-7 July 2009 in St. Asaph, Wales, with K. Alan Shore as Chair. The ICO has a Travelling Lecturer Programme, and it gives out annually three awards – ICO Prize, Galileo Galilei Awards, and ICO/ICTP Gallieno Denardo Award.

The ICO will also introduce the IUPAP Young Scientist Prize in Optics. Volume 6 of the ICO Book, Advances in Information Optics and Photonics (SPIE Press) was published. The ICO publishes a Newsletter, see ICO website [www.ico-optics.org](http://www.ico-optics.org).