During 2012, ICO held two topical meetings:

1) **ICO Topical Meeting: 6th International Conference on Nanophotonics (ICNP 2012)**  
   Beijing, China, May 27-30, 2012

2) **ICO Topical Meeting: 12th Conference of the International Society on Optics Within Life Sciences "OWLS 12"**. Genoa, Italy, July 4-6, 2012

An ICO Strategic Planning Committee Retreat was held July 1-2 in Genoa, followed by the ICO Bureau Meeting on July 3\(^{rd}\). This first meeting of the Strategic Planning Committee was devoted to establishing the strengths and weaknesses of the ICO. A second meeting is planned October 26\(^{th}\) 2013, at which time several of the strategies for the ICO future will start elucidating.

ICO co-sponsored or endorsed another eight international activities. One of them was the **First ICO/ICTP/TWAS Central American Workshop in Lasers, Laser Applications and Laser Safety Regulations** in San José de Costa Rica, April 30-May 11, 2012. This is the first of a series of activities in Central America that are expected to take place within the ICO/ICTP/TWAS Central America Initiative, which was launched with this event. Continuation of the initiative will be a Workshop on Optics and Energy in Chiapas, Mexico, to be held at MCTP next year.

**Dr. Nirit Dudovich** from Israel was the IUPAP Young Scientist Prize in Optics 2012.

Dr Nirit Dudovich has a PhD in physics from the Weizmann Institute of Science, Rehovot, Israel. She performed her post-doctoral research at the National Research Council (NRC) in Canada. In 2007 Dr. Dudovich joined the physics faculty at the Weizmann Institute of Science as a senior scientist, where she leads the attosecond science group. She was awarded for her outstanding achievements on “Developing a completely new approach to attosecond pulse metrology”.

ICO worked jointly with the EPS, ICTP, the LAM Network and other international organizations to promote and get international support for an International Year of Light (YoL) in 2015. ICO President Duncan Moore presented the proposal for the YoL to the IUPAP General Assembly, and obtained the IUPAP support for the initiative. Jointly with the ICTP, ICO promoted a meeting on the YoL at ICTP.

As of April 2013 nominations for ICO Bureau officers are currently being sought. At the 2014 23\(^{rd}\) Congress of the International Commission for Optics in Santiago de Compostela elections will take place. The goal is to have a varied list of candidates in place by February 28, 201, at which time all members will receive information as to the nominated candidates so that they can identify those individuals that they wish to support for any specific office.

In May 2013 three distinguished scientists were presented ICO awards during the SPIE Optics and Optoelectronics 2013 Symposium in Prague. Jan Peřina of Palacký University was presented with the 2011 ICO Galileo Galilei Award, Shuang Shang of the University of Birmingham was awarded the 2010 IUPAP Young Scientist Prize in Optics and Romain Quidant of ICF was presented the 2012 ICO Prize for his accomplishments in nanoscale optical manipulation.

**LIST OF CO-SPONSORED OR ENDORSED ICO EVENTS in 2012**

6 - 7 February 2012
**ICTP Winter College on Optics: Advances in Nano-Optics and Plasmonics**
Trieste, Italy  
Contact: ICTP Secretariat, phone: +39-040-2240-9932; fax: +39-040-2240-7932; smr2132@ictp.it

30 April - 11 May 2012
FIRST ICO/ICTP/TWAS Central American Workshop in Lasers, Laser Applications and Laser Safety Regulations
San José de Costa Rica, Costa Rica.
Home page at ICTP.

Directors: María L. Calvo, Angela M. Guzmán, Joseph J. Niemela
Local Organizers: Luis Diego Marín Naranjo and Jaime Cascante jcascantev@gmail.com
Secretariat: Ms. Rosa del Rio (smr 2381) the Abdus Salam International Centre for Theoretical Physics - Strada Costiera 11 - 34151 Trieste, Italy
Telephone: +39-040-2240396 - Telefax: +39-040-22407396 - E-mail: smr2381@ictp.it

10 – 13 April 2012
La Habana, Cuba
Contact: Justo Ravelo Triana, phone: (0537) 209 3920, fax: (0537) 202 1518
tecnolaser@ceaden.edu.cu

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14 – 17 May 2012
3rd Int. Topical Meeting on Optical Sensing and Artificial Vision (OSAV 2012)
St. Petersburg, Russia
Contact: Igor Gurov, phone: +7 (812) 571-6532, fax: +7 (812) 315-7534
gurov@mail.ifmo.ru

27– 30 May 2012
ICO Topical Meeting: 6th International Conference on Nanophotonics (ICNP 2012)
Beijing, China
Honorary Chairs: Bingkun Zhou, Paras Prasad
General Chairs: Qihuang Gong, Joseph Haus
Contact & Exhibit Manager: Yun-Feng Xiao, phone: (86)10-62765512, fax: (86)10-62756567
icnp2012@pku.edu.cn

2 – 5 July 2012
8th International Conference on Optics-Photonics Design and Fabrication “ODF’12”
St.-Petersburg, Russia
Contact: M. Letunovskaya, phone: +7(812)457 18 87, fax: +7(812)457 18 87
odf12@gmail.com

4 – 6 July 2012
ICO Topical Meeting: 12th Conference of the International Society on Optics Within Life Sciences "OWLS 12"
Genoa, Italy
Contact: Alberto Diaspro, phone: +39-010.71.781.503, fax: +39-010-72.03.21
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3-6 September 2012
International Conference “Micro- to Nano-Photonics III - ROMOPTO 2012
Bucharest, Romania
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21-25 October 2012
4th International Symposium on Transparent Conductive Materials (TCM 2012)
Crete, Greece
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Science and Industry
Trieste, Italy
Contact: ICTP Secretariat, phone: +39-040-2240-9932; fax: +39-040-2240-7932; smr2132@ictp.it

9 - 11 April 2013
icOPEN2013 (International Conference on Optics in Precision Engineering and Nano-
technology)
Singapore
Contact: Anand Asundi, phone: 67905936, fax: 67924062, anand.asundi@pmail.ntu.edu.sg

15-18 April 2013
SPIE Optics + Optoelectronics 2013
Prague, Czech Republic
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21-25 April 2013
Digital Holography and 3D Imaging
Hawaii, USA
Contact: Laura Holloway, phone: +1.202.416.1436, fax: +1.202.416.6100, lholloway@osa.org

17-21 June, 2013
Tenth Rochester Conference on Coherence and Quantum Optics
Rochester NY, USA
Contact: Joseph H. Eberly, phone: +1 585-275-4576, fax: +1 585-276-0018, eberly@pas.rochester.edu

18-20 June, 2013
2nd International Conference on Quantum Information and Measurement (QIM-2)
(Satellite Meeting to "Tenth Rochester Conference on Coherence and Quantum Optics"),
Rochester, USA
Contact: Joseph H. Eberly, phone: +1 585-275-4576, fax: +1 585-276-0018, eberly@pas.rochester.edu
22-26 July, 2013
8th Iberoamerican Optics Meeting / 11th Latinamerican Meeting on Optics, Lasers and Applications (RIAO/OPTILAS 2013)
Porto, Portugal
Contact: Manuel Filipe P. C. Martins Costa, phone: 00351967642732, mfcosta@fisica.uminho.pt

23-26 July, 2013
Education in Optics and Photonics “ETOP 2013”
Porto, Portugal
Contact: Manuel Filipe P. C. Martins Costa, phone: 00351967642732, mfcosta@fisica.uminho.pt

1-13 September 2013
First African Summer School on Optics and Applications to Sustainable Development
Tunis, Tunisia
Contact: Mourad Zghal, phone: (+216) 71857000, fax: (+216) 71856829, mourad.zghal@supcom.rnu.tn

16-19 September 2013
Information Photonics 2013,
Warsaw, Poland
Contact: Marian Marciniak, phone: +48 22 5128715, fax: +48 22 5128715, marian.marciniak@ieee.org

18 – 21 September 2013
The Eleventh International Conference on Correlation Optics "Correlation Optics’13"
Chernivtsi, Ukraine
Contact: Oleg V. Angelsky, phone: (380-3722)44730, fax: (380-3722)44730, angelsky@itf.cv.ua

27 - 30 October 2013
ICO Topical Meeting: 18th Microoptics Conference (MOC’13)
Tokyo, Japan
Contact: Tomoyuki Miyamoto; phone: +81-45-924-5059; fax: +81-45-924-5059; tmiyamot@pl.titech.ac.jp

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