

President's Report (8/14/11 – 7/3/12 and programmed activities until 30/9/2013): ICO President – D. T. Moore.

As he stated in his candidate statement in Puebla, Mexico, he has centered his works as ICO President in two important items: (i) Technical Entrepreneurship and optics and (ii) Develop Strategic Plan for 2020 (report later in meeting). He attended the General Assembly of the International Union of Pure and Applied Physics (IUPAP)-London (Oct 30-Nov 4, 2011). ICO is an Affiliated Commission-not a full commission- of IUPAP. This fact has advantages. The number of IUPAP member countries is about 55 (slightly larger than ICO). The IUPAP General Assembly meets in three year cycle (London, Cape Town(Feb), Rio de Janeiro (Oct 2012). Relevant issues to ICO status within IUPAP are (i) The proposal to change of name of Commission 17(QED) to include Photonics was tabled. (ii) The new IUPAP Secretariat has not yet been named. (iii) The term of ICO president does not align with that of the other heads of the commissions. (iv) The proposal for a Year of Light in 2015 presented by John Dudley, Chair of Optics Division, EPS, received IUPAP support. Leading countries are Ghana, Mexico and France.

Zhora Ben Lakhdar: She attended a meeting in preparation of La Fair Universal. The last Fair was in China and in 2015 it will be in Milano. It is an opportunity for ICO to be presented there.

D. Moore traveled to Tokyo, Yokohama, Japan and met with Professor Arakawa. He spoke at Polymer Optics conference including ICO. He taught Technical Entrepreneurship for Scientists and Engineers (12 hours of lecture) at Keio University (Hyoshi campus).

In April 22-27 he visited the ICTP in Trieste, Italy. He taught Technical Entrepreneurship for Scientists and Engineers from Developing Economies. There were 40 participants from 19 countries including Cuba, Iran. The activity was sponsored by the Institute of Physics (London). The activity takes place every two years and covers physics.

M Yzuel: There was a Workshop on entrepreneurship organized by IOP with focus in developing countries. SPIE has noticed that it is positive to have students from developed countries.

Future Travel: Rio de Janeiro –October 2012, Jakarta/ Singapore- December 2012.