

University of California, Irvine Student Chapter Annual Report 2013



1. List of current Student Chapter Members

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2. Details of Chapter activities since last report.

a. Describe exactly how chapter grant funding was spent.

Since our chapter is relatively new (began on 9/1/13), we have not spent any funding received from SPIE.

However, we have hosted several events in the past few months since we formed our SPIE student chapter. On 9/23, we were part of the UCI Anteater Welcome fair to introduce graduate and undergraduate students on campus to our new student chapter. On 10/7, we held our first welcome event as an SPIE student chapter. Our goal was to recruit new members in order to expand our student chapter. Next, as part of our Frontiers on Photonics lecture series, we had Dr. Simin Cai discuss his experience in industry, and how to better define career goals on 11/4. On 11/7, we held officer elections, adding a new officer, Rupsa Datta, to our chapter. Finally, on 11/22, we held our 6th annual Art in Science competition, where researchers present scientific work having artistic appeal. We had a panel of research advisors judge each piece of work, and awards were given to the top presenters.

- Anteater Welcome Fair table



- Frontiers in Photonics seminar speaker and Go!Foton CEO Simin Cai



- Dr. Cai interacting with the audience during the Q&A session



- Welcome event reception



- a. **Were these activities described in your funding request?**

N/A

3. Details of planned activities for the future.

Continuing with our Frontiers in Photonics lecture series, we will have a new speaker each academic quarter give a lecture to the optics community at UCI. We will also hold the Art in Science contest again next year.

In January of next year, we will hold a practice session for researchers who will be presenting at the SPIE Photonics West Conference. We have several officers in our student chapter who will

be presenting at Photonics West. Our chapter president Julia has also submitted an abstract to Photonics Europe, so hopefully we will have representation at that conference as well. In March, we will have four tables at the San Diego Festival of Science to introduce kids and families to optics. In June, we will also teach the Boys and Girls Club about light with our specially designed spectrometer kit and lesson plan. We are also looking to invite Alan Aldon for an Improv in Science workshop at UCI.

In addition, we will continue to have a chapter meeting every month where we will hold optics activities and invite UCI professors and students to give talks on optics research.

4. Financial information.

a. Beginning balance

Our chapter account balance on 9/1/2013 was \$704.41.

b. Funds raised and expended (indicate amounts and source/destination)

We received a Professional Development Grant (\$750) and a Chapter Activity Grant (\$50) from OSA. The difference between the sum of funds raised and our beginning balance, and our ending balance, is due to the money expended on chapter activities mentioned in question 2. In particular, \$50 was spent on UCI annual chapter registration, \$13 on the UCI Anteater Welcome event, \$59.18 on IONS conference travel cost for one officer, \$72.72 on Frontiers in Photonics arrangement and advertisement, \$173.48 on setting up the 10/7 and 11/7 monthly meetings, and \$236.25 was spent on Art in Science advertisements, refreshments, and prizes.

c. Details of SPIE funding received

We have not received any SPIE funding since 9/1/13.

d. Ending balance

Our balance as of 11/29/13 is \$899.78.