Executive Summary:
The SPIE-University of Ottawa Chapter was established in 13 April 2007 and is part of the Center for Research in Photonic at University of Ottawa (CRPuO), which includes student members from SPIE, OSA, and IEEE. We hold quarterly meetings and most activities on the main campus of University of Ottawa.

The purpose of the University of Ottawa Chapter is to support optics students by providing valuable academic resources, facilitating career development through networking opportunities, and representing the study of light to the public.

One of the biggest challenges that our chapter faced in 2018-2019 has been succession planning. One of the 2017 – 2018 four officers graduated in 2018, another officer was in abroad as a visiting research student, and the rest two officers are become busy with their PhD thesis writing in 2019. We are trying to ensure that the new 2019 - 2020 officers range in level of study so that future officers will have better continuity of leadership training. Also, we were running out of members.

This year, our SPIE chapter merged with OSA chapter. We held our first combined meeting in January 2020, where the OSA chapter officers were elected as the new chapter officers were selected. Also, we ensured the minimum numbers of the members in the chapter are 12.

One of our officers, Md Saad-Bin-Alam attended the Photonics West 2020 (February 1 to 6) conference to present his research work. Also, he attended the SPIE student chapter workshop there. Saad was awarded the ‘SPIE Educational Scholarship’ in 2018.

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Student and Community Membership

At the time of this report, there are 10 student members affiliated to the uOttawa Chapter and there are currently about 50 students involved in the CRPuO.

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Activities Report

Celebrating International Day of Light (IDL) 2019 with the uOttawa OSA student chapter by working in Optics Lab

**Date/Location:** May 16, 2019/ Optics Lab, the Max-Planck - uOttawa Centre for Extreme and Quantum Photonics  
**Participants:** 3 people

Md Saad-Bin-Alam, the first common member of both the SPIE and OSA student chapters at the uOttawa, celebrated IDL 2019 by working in his experimental lab with his postdoctoral fellow Dr. Orad Reshef and his undergraduate summer student Yaryna Mamchur.

![Photo of three people working in a lab](image)

First meeting of combined SPIE uOttawa student chapter and the uOttawa OSA student chapter

**Date/Location:** Jan 20, 2020/ Advanced Research Complex - uOttawa  
**Participants:** 5 officers from both chapters

We established the combined SPIE - OSA uOttawa chapters. We elected new SPIE chapter officers for the year of 2020, and few more new members joined the SPIE uOttawa chapters.
Treasurer's Report

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Conclusions and Recommendations

This year, our SPIE uOttawa student chapter is reformed and merged with the uOttawa OSA student chapter. In March we are going to invite Prof. Andrea Armani from University of Southern California as a visiting lecturer. Prof. Armani is very famous among the student members of SPIE in different parts of the world. Her lectures are an inspiration to the students. We would be very glad to have her amongst us!

We are also planning to do some outreach activities during summer 2020 to celebrate the International Day of Light (IDL) 2020.