Chapter Activity from August 2014 to August 2015

1. Recruit new members
Recruit new members is regular activity each year for our student chapter at UBC. Our chapter is more graduate student oriented and research oriented. We have five graduate student members graduated during this year, including our former vice president Miguel Angel Guillen Torres. The recruit task this year is heavy, so we hold several with the graduate students from UBC’s photonics research group. The idea of the meeting is to introduce SPIE to the new graduate students and have them join the SPIE student chapter at UBC. During the meeting, we discussed the benefits of being an SPIE student member, the regular activities hold by the UBC student chapter.

2. Pre-conference meeting
The student chapter at UBC is a research oriented. For graduate student member, publications are essential for their graduation and future carrier. Since our chapter is in Canada, the Photonics North Conference hold by SPIE is one of our focuses each year. We organized chapter meetings with graduate members at UBC chapter to encourage them to submit papers to the Photonics North Conference and discuss research ideas, pro-read each other's paper. We also held a meeting to rehearsal the oral presentations and posters and gave feedbacks to them before the Photonics Conference 2015.

3. Application for travel grant
A group meeting was held to discuss the application for the travel grant from SPIE. Zeqin Lu was elected as the representative of the UBC student chapter to apply for the travel grant to go the SPIE Optics+Photonics conference in San Diego. Unfortunately, the time for the conference was in conflict with his TA job from his supervisor and he was not able to attend the great meeting.

Chapter Activity Plan for the coming year

1. Recruit new members in September:
Several members from our chapter are graduating in the coming year, so we need to recruit new members to keep the student chapter in good standing.

2. Plans to attend the SPIE conference
As a graduate student based chapter, we will continuous pay attention to our contributions in our research field. We will have meetings to encourage members to submit papers to SPIE’s conference such as Photonics North, Photonics West, and Optics+Photonics conferences.