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III. 2017 Activities (last report: 12/08/16)

1. Afterlab

Afterlabs are one-hour seminars where PhD and post-doctoral positions talk about their research. Usually, two speakers are invited to present, with a mixed public from various laboratories and engineer schools in Bordeaux. The idea is
to gather people at the same place and time, so they can exchange their thoughts about their work. Also, it allows PhD students and post-docs to train for oral presentation, especially if they are about to participate to a conference. Since last report, one afterlab was organized, gathering around 15 attendees. The talks are followed by an apéritif, which offers the opportunity to gather in a less official environment and increase networking possibilities.

2. Companies visits: Amplitude Systèmes

The Bordeaux Optics Chapter cares about students’ future and we find it important to allow them to meet potential employers as labs and engineering companies. Amplitude systems is a French company designing, manufacturing and selling lasers all around the world, with antennas in the US as well as in Asia. We organized the visit of this company. The number of attendees was limited to ten but, considering the great interest we met, the chapter is planning to redo the experience. Other visits are planned for the months to come.

IV. 2017/2018 planned activities

1. Khet tournament
Khet is a chess-like game where the enemy king has to be hit by a laser beam in order to win. The beam is guided by various themed moving pieces, each having an optical element (mirror, beamsplitter, etc.) attached to it and thus a different role. We are planning on organizing a monthly Khet tournament, held at the Institut d’Optique Graduate School of Bordeaux. The goal is to regularly gather both university and PhD. students, in order to create the opportunity for younger students to meet researchers and gather information on thesis. Plus, it is quite entertaining and serves the networking purpose.

2. Companies and labs visits
As presented above, we organized the visit of a laser-manufacturing company. Other companies are spotted to be visited, as Netis and Alphanov. Netis is a company working on THz detection devices, whereas Alphanov is laser-manufacturing company.

3. Night of the researchers and LAPHIA open days
The night of the researchers is an annual event for which a large public is gathered to hear and watch scientists explain their work in different formats (conferences, photo exhibition, experiments).
Like last year, we are planning on participating to both this night and the LAPHIA Open Days with our self-made experiments to entertain people and explain basic principles in optics.

V. Financial information

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*2017 balance: + 458.44 €*

VI. Added information

The chapter recently became an association, in the French law term. This allows us to upgrade our status and make us more eligible to organize events at the university of Bordeaux (e.g. having our own bank account, booking rooms for events, ...). This consists in an improvement of the chapter image at the University.