

First Report from Yerevan State University SPIE Students Chapter

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This year for the Yerevan State University SPIE Student Chapter was starting year. We began our activities together with the OSA Armenian Students Chapter, which is already several years as working in Armenia and already had some work experience. Anyway we have our contribution in developing optics and increase the interest towards laser and optics technologies among young generation in Armenia.

During 2006 we have been one of the significant parts in organizing seminars and lectures. We also organized students' visits to Armenian scientific centers, mainly "Laser Technologies PYRKAL" organization. With the help of SPIE, we have invited Prof. Alexander Akushin (Centre for Atom Optics and Ultra fast Spectroscopy, Swinburne University of Technology Hawthorn, Victoria 3122, Australia) in the frame of the SPIE lecturer Grant. The other big project where we participated is the building of the students' lab for Armenian Students, which mainly has been financed by OSA. OSA has provided us with the digital oscilloscope and one computer.

In future we will continue our core activities (organizing seminars, lectures, visiting to scientific centers, etc.) and will focus our abilities to realize the powerful project «Young Optician School», which will held in May 2007 in Armenia and we hope to have a support for this project from SPIE too and certainly hope to see an active participation of SPIE students during the school.

Financing report

Income \$485(included wire transfer duets)

Contribution to "Students Laboratory" - \$100

Seminars and lectures - \$90

Visiting scientific centers - \$40

Writing materials - \$50

Ending balance - \$205

