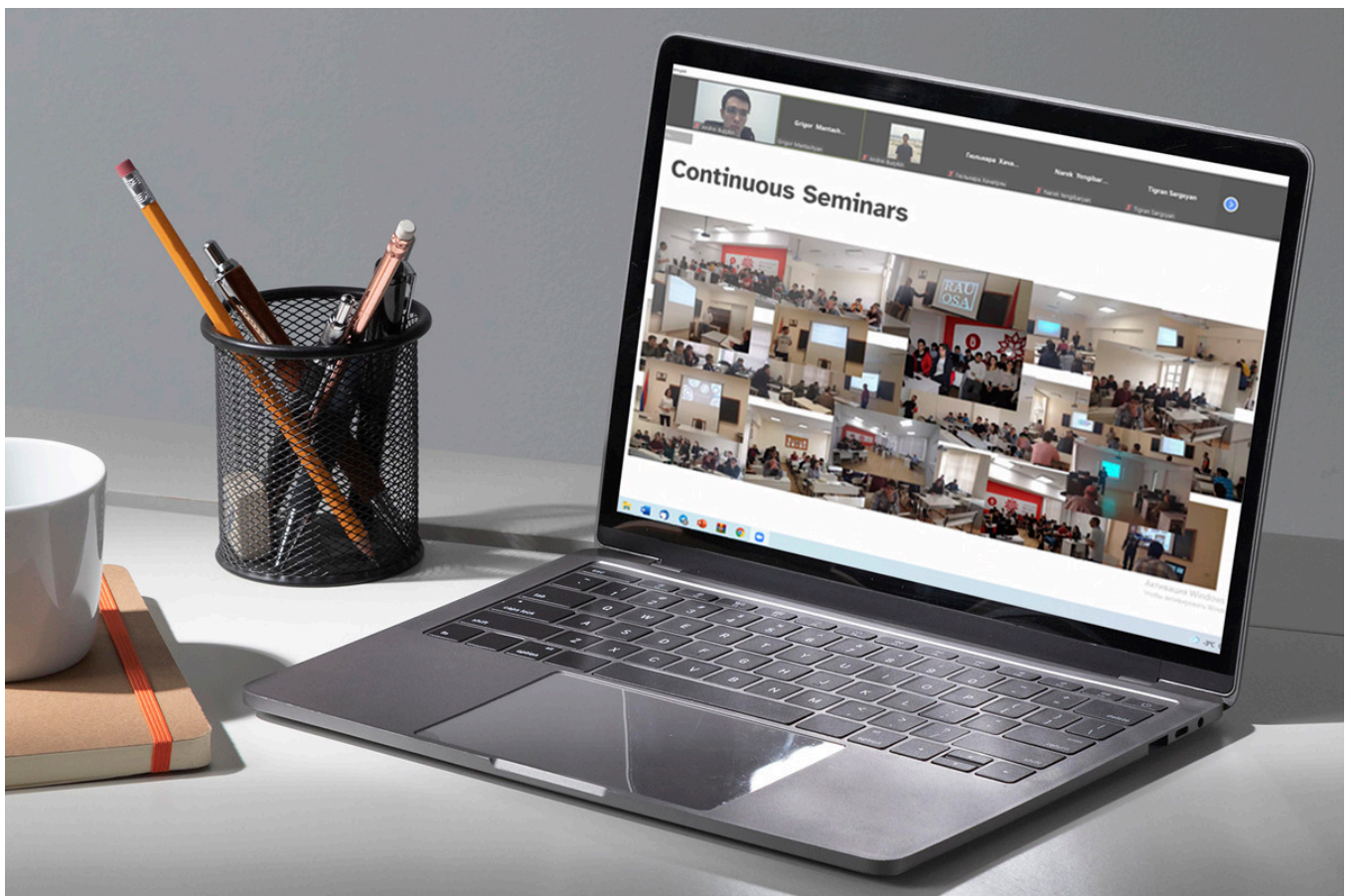


Young Researchers from SPbPU and RAU at the International Photonics Conference

Young scientists from Russian and Armenian universities took part in the International Conference of Student Scientific Societies (SSS) on Photonics. The organizers were the SPbPU Student Scientific Society, which is an aggregator of representations of professional optical societies SPIE and Optica, and the Russian-Armenian University. The online conference was supported by the «Boiling Point — Polytech» space and was aimed at building long-term relationships between student scientific societies in photonics under the auspices of the international optical societies SPIE and Optica and strengthening international cooperation with the Russian-Armenian University.



As part of the meeting, the participants discussed international and domestic experiences of scientific and near-scientific projects by student scientific communities under pandemic conditions. Five keynote speeches were presented by young scientists who are members of the optical communities of Russian and Armenian universities.

We are grateful to our colleagues for the fruitful discussion and extremely substantive meeting. Together we discussed interesting experiences, got new

possible approaches for solving organizational problems within the development of specialized optical SSSs, and we look forward to furthering cooperation, commented Andrey BUZYKIN, Head of SPbPU Optics SSS.

The international conference was aimed at providing the Russian and Armenian scientists with the opportunity to get acquainted with the topics of each other's scientific works and to discuss the directions of joint scientific research in the field of optics and photonics implemented on the basis of the universities. In addition, the participants discussed the peculiarities of scientific communication in the conditions of the pandemic. In particular, the SSS members shared their experience in presenting the results of scientific work and holding conferences and seminars in the «student-driven event» format — events organized by the initiative groups of students and young scientists.

Tigran SARGSYAN, president of the SPIE community of the Russian-Armenian University, noted the positive atmosphere of the international conference. It was extremely pleasant to get acquainted with our colleagues, to learn from them the history of their societies, to get acquainted with the main scientific directions of their activities. I'm sure this meeting laid a strong foundation for future collaboration and cooperation between our societies, and the events discussed and planned during this meeting will become a great opportunity for sharing experience and knowledge between our students, Tigran Sargsyan commented and expressed hope that such meetings and events will take place regularly and in the future even in a full-time format.

The international student conference was implemented within the framework of the state project «Implementation of a complex of measures to improve the efficiency of the Russian-Armenian (Slavonic) and Belarusian-Russian Universities in training professional personnel for the digital economy through the development of research programs, additional education and advanced training programs for students and young scientific and pedagogical staff, including the use of modern distance technologies». This project is funded by the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Russian Federation and aims to develop cooperation between SPbPU and the two Slavic universities.

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