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SPIE 2026 Optics + Photonics

Sunday, August 23rd – Wednesday, August 26th, 2026

Anticipated Attendance: 3,500

Group Description

SPIE, the international society for optics and photonics, is a not-for-profit professional organization that supports scientists, engineers, and industry leaders advancing light-based technologies. Founded in 1955, SPIE is a global leader in organizing technical conferences, educational programs, and exhibitions in optics, photonics, and imaging. The society connects academia, government, and industry through events that foster innovation, collaboration, and commercialization. SPIE's Optics + Photonics annual convention brings thousands of researchers and professionals together to share breakthroughs and explore cutting-edge solutions in areas like quantum technologies, nanotechnology, and optical engineering.

Attendee Profile

Attendees typically include academic and industrial researchers, optical engineers, and graduate students presenting more than 3,000 technical papers and posters across 50+ symposia in fields such as nanophotonics, quantum science, imaging, optical engineering, and astronomical instrumentation. The event also draws exhibitors—150+ companies showcasing cutting-edge technologies like lasers, sensors, imaging systems, coatings, and optical components—alongside attending engineers, product developers, and business leaders eager to explore, network, and establish collaborations. Whether you're a student seeking career connections, a researcher sharing breakthroughs, or an industry professional skimming the exhibit floor, SPIE Optics + Photonics offers a premier venue for technical training, professional development, and forging collaborations across the global optics and photonics community.

Contact Information

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Guest Room Block

Participating Hotels	Peak Room Night
Total Peak Nights = 780	
Embassy Suites Hotel San Diego Bay - Downtown	75
Hilton San Diego Bayfront Hotel	100
Hilton San Diego Gaslamp Quarter	50
Marriott Marquis San Diego Marina	400
Omni San Diego Hotel at the Ballpark	105
The Westin San Diego Gaslamp Quarter	50

Schedule of Events

Date	Sun Aug 23	Mon Aug 24	Tue Aug 25	Wed Aug 26
Attendee Open Meals	All Meals	All Meals	All Meals	All Meals
Convention Center Agenda	8:50AM-5:30PM Technical Conferences, Presentations and Courses held throughout the day	8:30AM-7:30PM Technical Conferences, Presentations and Courses held throughout the day	8:00AM-6:00PM Technical Conferences, Presentations and Courses held throughout the day	8:00AM-5:30PM Technical Conferences, Presentations and Courses held throughout the day

**Schedule is subject to change*

Off-Site Scheduled Events

Tue, Aug 25th | Publications and Instructor Reception | Marriott Marquis | 5:00PM-6:30PM

Tue, Aug 25th | LGBTQ+ Social | Marriott Marquis | 8:30PM-9:30PM

Wed, Aug 26th | SPIE Society Awards Banquet | Eve | 6:00PM-9:00PM

Shuttle Information

No shuttle provided.