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NMOIA news release

New member-at-large for ICO/US Advisory Committee

Albuquerque, October 9, 2006: Arthur H. Guenther, research professor at the University of New Mexico (USA), Center for High Technology Materials, has been recently appointed as a member-at-large of the U.S. Advisory Committee for the International Commission for Optics (USAC/ICO), which represents the interests of the U.S. optics community internationally.

The main purpose of the USAC/ICO is to promote the advancement of the field of optics and photonics in the United States and throughout the world, as well as to effect appropriate USA participation in the International Commission for Optics through the national academies.

USAC/ICO is the official representation of the USA as an ICO Territorial Committee since 1948.

Arthur Guenther is with the University of New Mexico (UNM) after a career as chief scientist with the U.S. Air Force, chief scientist for advanced defense technology at the Los Alamos National Laboratory, and science advisor for laboratory development and manager of alliances with Sandia National Laboratories. His professional activities are quite large and outstanding: he has been helping for the foundation of an industry association in New Mexico, he also promotes optics education programs - constructing a career ladder for optical technicians and theorists at West Mesa High School, Central New Mexico Community College and UNM.

He was ICO President (term 1999 - 2002) and he was their official representative to the Education and Training in Optics and Photonics (ETOP) Conference. He is still very active inside ETOP and will participate in the next scheduled in June 2007 in Ottawa, Canada. He previously chaired this biannual meeting in Singapore.

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