

**The 44<sup>th</sup> OSI Annual Symposium 'OSI-ISO 2020', scheduled to be held at University of Hyderabad during 17-19 August, 2020, is suspended till further notice due to the COVID 19 pandemic.**

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## Formation of Publication Committee of OSI

The OSI Publication Committee will oversee all publications of the OSI. The *Journal of Optics* will continue to be looked after by the Chief Editor. The Committee will have following members:

- i) President
- ii) General Secretary
- iii) Chief Editor of the *Journal of Optics*.
- iv) Editor of the Newsletter
- v) Editor(s) of any other publication series
- vi) Two other members of the EC

The Committee will oversee all publication (print and electronic) activities of the Society and will take or propose to the EC, as appropriate, decisions regarding the publications.

The following resolution was adopted in the 51st AGM regarding the Society's initiative to publish Research Monographs:

- The expertise of OSI Fellow Members should be utilized for creating research monographs based on the research done by the fellow.
- Ideally, these monographs, typically a combination of tutorial review and research review, should start from the very basics of the topic and lead towards the latest developments in the field in about 50-80 pages and should not exceed 100 pages.
- Other monographs about research institutions, research groups, historical notes, etc., of interest to optics community will also welcome under this scheme.
- OSI will e-publish these in its website and will be freely available for download.
- Copyright of published monographs will be with OSI but that of the content will be with the author. Thus the author may use the material in another publication provided that the publisher of the latter has no objection.
- Proposals received will be peer reviewed.
- Final manuscript will be submitted in the format prescribed for uploading on the website.

- OSI will also consider a modest grant (maximum Rs. 10,000) to defray the manuscript preparation costs involved.

## Revision in Membership fees

With effect from April 1, 2020, OSI Membership fees\* are revised as follows.

| Membership Category        | Revised Membership fees (INR) |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Life Fellow Member         | 10,000.00                     |
| Regular Member             | 1,000.00                      |
| Associate (Student) Member | 400.00                        |
| Regular Corporate Member   | 10,000.00                     |
| Life Corporate Member      | 60,000.00                     |

**\*As applicable to resident Indian citizens only. For NRI/Foreigners, membership charges, payable in USD, remain unchanged.**

## Distinguished Fellow and Senior Fellow Members

Two new categories of memberships in the form of Distinguished Fellow (DF) and Senior Fellow (SF) have been implemented. As a first step towards this, memberships of all past and present Presidents and Secretaries of the OSI have been upgraded to DF.

## Best Thesis Award

From the 44th Annual Symposia of the OSI onward, OSI will incorporate a section on Thesis Presentations from Students who have currently submitted their Ph.D Thesis.

- Two page write-up of the thesis work, list of publications and endorsement by the Ph.D. Supervisor for nomination to the Best Thesis Award should be submitted by the student to the Convenor of the OSI Annual Symposium.
- A Committee will adjudge the work and a maximum of three best theses will be awarded a Certificate and a cash award of Rs.5000/- each. Funds for the award will be provided by OSI.