



Scottish Universities Physics Alliance

Information Workshop Opportunities in the Photonics Call in FP7 3pm, 11th January 2007

Photonics is now a recognised topic within EU Framework - FP7 through the establishment of the European Technology Platform (ETP) **Photonics 21**. This is the first time in several rounds of the framework programme that this has been the case. In addition to calls initiated by the Photonics 21 Strategic Research Agenda there are several calls from other ETPs which will include photonics doubling the annual funding for Photonics from €50 million allocated to Photonics 21 to €100 million. This is a significant opportunity for the Scottish research and development communities in our universities and companies especially as SMEs can receive up to 75% of their costs.

The Scottish Optoelectronics Association (SOA) in partnership with the Scottish Universities Physics Alliance (SUPA) and Scottish Enterprise took a mission to Brussels. The team attended the Photonics21 (www.photonics21.org) meeting where the opportunities for FP7 Photonics were highlighted and mechanisms to initiate proposal consortia identified. This has raised interesting opportunities for Scotland's photonics and also highlighted how important it is to be part of consortia before the first calls are announced (for calls arising from the Photonics 21 SRA this will be in round 2 in April/May but from other platforms, Photonics interests will be included in round 1 announced in January 2007).

This workshop aims to disseminate the information from the mission and will be of interest to:

- Photonics companies
- Photonics researchers in Scottish universities

The workshop will be videoconference across Scotland so that as many of you can attend as possible. We will be using the SUPA video conferencing facilities in Edinburgh, Glasgow, Heriot Watt, Paisley, Strathclyde and St Andrews universities.

Please register today by contacting Michelle at soa@optoelectronics.org.uk and identify which is your preferred venue. Directions will be sent to registrants.