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José Arasa Elected SPIE Senior Member



BELLINGHAM, Washington, USA – February 7, 2011 – SPIE will honor 28 new Senior Members of the Society this year. Senior Members are Members of distinction who are honored for their professional experience, their active involvement with the optics community and SPIE, and/or significant performance that sets them apart from their peers. 72 SPIE members have received this promotion since the Senior Member distinction was introduced in 2008.

“The annual recognition of Senior Members provides an opportunity for us to acknowledge Members for their outstanding technical contributions and service to SPIE,” says Katarina Svanberg, SPIE President.

José Arasa, Universidad Politècnica de Catalunya, Spain, for achievements in education and impact on industrial development.

Arasa has contributed greatly to optics education as a professor of optics for nearly 30 years. His expertise and research spans many areas of optical engineering, and his work has impacted industries such as health, automotive, defense, lighting, printing, and aeronautics. In particular, Arasa has been instrumental in transferring research from the laboratory to industry, and, as an entrepreneur, Arasa founded the company Simulacions Òptiques, which produces optical design software, services, and specialty solid state lighting optics products.

For his work, he has received eight patents and honors including high-level national teaching awards and national investigation awards. Arasa is a member of the Spanish Optical Society and the European Optical Society, and with SPIE he has been a contributor to more than 20 conferences such as the International Optical Design Conference, the Photonics in the Automobile conference, and the Optical Design and Engineering conference.

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