

Future Global Photonics Markets and Technology Strategy Board Support

Gooch and Housego, Dowlish Ford, Ilminster. 1 July 09

The South West of England has long had a vibrant photonics community that has frequently had to travel to other regions to access industry relevant events. Following discussions with photonics organisations in the South west this event brings valuable photonic related content to your area and provides an opportunity to network with others engaged in photonics and related business in the South West.

Michael Leiby, President of the influential OIDA in Washington, USA will present the OIDA's view of the future of photonics and the impact on key areas such as 'green tech'. This is a rare and valuable opportunity to gain insights into future growth areas in our industry.

In support of that future growth Mike Biddle (Lead Technologist, TSB) will present the mechanisms by which you can support innovation through the Technology Strategy Board's investments such as Collaborative R&D Competitions.

Much of those based in the South West have remained in the area, as larger businesses have come and gone. Many of these people have set up their own business and the region is characterised by the small number of large organisations and a large number of small often micro sized. There is much to be gained, especially in the current economic climate, of working with local suppliers and customers and pooling resources to access markets and develop new products. Therefore the final portion of this event will be given over to presenting what is known of the photonics ecosystem in the S.W. and opening discussions of how best to facilitate regional activities in the future.

Gooch and Housego have kindly agreed to host

Agenda (note 10:15am start)

10.15 Registration & Coffee

10.30 Start and Introductions

10.45 Introduction to Gooch and Housego
Paul Ellis

11.00 The Future of Photonics, and the rise of Green Photonics
Michael Leiby, President, OIDA

12.00 Photonics in the South West
James Regan, Isca Photonics

12.45 Lunch

13.45 Technology Strategy Board Activities
Mike Biddle, Lead Technologist, Technology Strategy Board

14.30 EU and other funding opportunities
John Lincoln, Sepnet

15.00 Opportunity for tour of G&H

16.00 Close

this meeting at:- Dowlish Ford, Ilminster, TA19 0PF. This meeting is organised in collaboration with support of the Institute of Physics and the South East Photonics Network

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Registration

Although this meeting is free to attend, space is limited, please complete the online registration form at www.sepnet.net/meeting_registration.php or email your name and contact details to james@iscaphotonics.com. Confirmation (within ~1) will be sent by e-mail to all delegates.