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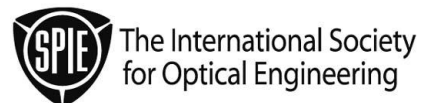
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Introduction

We are pleased to present the proceedings of the SPIE conference on Adaptive Optics for Laser Systems and Other Applications, held in the city of Prague in the Czech Republic in April 2007. There are few subjects where there is such a range of topics that can be covered under one general heading, but adaptive optics is certainly one of those subjects. As the title suggests, this conference was slanted toward the use of adaptive optics in laser systems, but the committee were delighted to receive many high-quality contributions from workers in other areas. Consequently, it was possible to compare the applications of the technology in many disciplines, identify common ground, and to learn new ideas from one another. The papers presented at the conference ranged from astronomy, which was the original inspiration for the development of adaptive optics technology and which continues to drive it to this day, through applications in high-powered lasers that are breaking new ground in attaining the highest energy densities, to subtle techniques involved in the measurement of important physical parameters and to innovative techniques in ophthalmic medicine. A number of papers on simulations and modelling of phase correction of optical beams made up the balance of contributions and completed a well-rounded conference.

We would like to thank the members of the programme committee for their hard work in recruiting and encouraging contributors and for assessing all the submissions, and the authors and presenters of the papers for their contributions to an interesting and highly enjoyable conference.

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