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Workshop programme will run at Optatec

EOS plans to organize technical workshops at the Optatec show in Germany.

EOS has formed an agreement with the Schall Group, the organizers of the Optatec show in Frankfurt, Germany, to stage a technical workshop programme to run alongside the show.

"The Optatec exhibition is one of the leading trade fairs in the field of optical technologies and represents a spectrum of companies," said Klaus Nowitzki, chief executive of EOS. "The visitors and exhibitors not only expect a successful exhibition, but also want comprehensive information. The aim of the agreement between the Schall Group and EOS is to meet these demands."

EOS will be organizing the workshop pro-

gramme in collaboration with the German Society for Applied Optics and OptecNet, the umbrella organization of the seven recently founded German competence centres.

Three workshops will be held in the afternoon on the first three days of Optatec, covering various topics including: new processes in optics manufacturing; application of optical metrology in manufacturing technology and contact-free surface metrology; and optics design and simulation.

For more information, see EOS's website (www.europeanopticalsociety.org) or Optatec's website (www.schall-messen.de/optatec/).

Annual meeting to be held in Italy

EOS's annual meeting will take place on 28 August in Florence, Italy.

EOS will hold its annual meeting in Florence, Italy, during the triennial meeting of the International Commission for Optics (ICO).

The ICO's 19th congress will be held on 25-31 August and its theme will be Optics for the Quality of Life. Optical scientists, engineers and optical industrialists from more than 40 countries are expected to meet to present and discuss the latest scientific and technical developments in all areas of optics. The organizers' aim is to provide a forum in the field of optical sciences to all participants.

EOS's general assembly will take place on 28 August. On the agenda will be topics such as

the strategic developments of EOS and the election of half of the board and other positions in the decision-making bodies of EOS. All members of EOS are welcome to attend and will receive a personal invitation.

Klaus Nowitzki, chief executive of EOS, said: "We are pleased to be holding our annual meeting at the ICO congress as EOS shares the ICO's aims of using optics to improve quality of life. To implement this concern in our policy, EOS's main task for 2002 will be to expand its consultancy activities."

For more information, see EOS's website (www.europeanopticalsociety.org).

EOS attracts first Russian corporate member

Tydex has become EOS's first corporate member from Russia.

Tydex, a supplier of custom-finished optical components and crystals, has become EOS's first Russian corporate member.

The firm was founded in 1994 by several physicists from the Ioffe Physical-Technical Institute of the Russian Academy of Sciences. "It was a difficult time for scientists in post-perestroika Russia," said Grigory Kropotov, commercial director of Tydex. "Little or no funds were available for fundamental and applied research, and earning money for everyday life was harder still. At that time many researchers chose to leave Russia for contracts abroad."

But Kropotov and his colleagues decided to

stay and today the company, which uses only raw materials from Russia, has more than 40 customers from 18 countries worldwide.

He said: "At that time we had a lot of experience in semiconductor physics, infrared Fourier spectroscopy and other fields. Our professional background was enough to launch a new enterprise related to science and industry."

Tydex started with one OEM customer in Germany. Since 1994 the company has supplied this customer with more than 200 high-precision mirrors and systems for astronomy.

For more information, see the company's website (www.tydex.ru).