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Report on the International Day of Light (May 16, 2024)

On May 16, 2024, the EPAC-UAC Chapter of Optica celebrated the International Day of Light (IDL) with a diverse and enriching program. The day brought together participants with a passion for the science of light, and was held in a friendly and dynamic atmosphere.

The day began with a warm welcome for participants. The organizers made sure that everyone was comfortably seated, ready to take part in the planned activities. Shortly afterwards, the Director of EPAC, Professor Guy ALITONOU or his representative, took the floor to welcome everyone. His speech, followed by that of the Head of the Computer Engineering and Telecommunications Department (GIT), Dr Tahirou DJARA.



Speeches by Professor Guy ALITONOU and Professor Tahirou DJARA

This was followed by a detailed presentation of Optica and the EPAC-UAC student chapter. This session enabled participants to gain a better understanding of the organization's missions and objectives, as well as the benefits of membership. The presentation of the new executive board followed, introducing the members responsible for directing the chapter's future activities. One of the highlights of the morning was Dr SANYA Max Fréjus Owolabi's talk on "International Day of Light with OPTICA". A question-and-answer session enabled participants to interact directly with the speaker, deepening their understanding of the topics covered.

Presentation by Dr Max Fréjus SANYA



After a coffee break, participants attended a poster and oral communication session on the theme of "Optical Communications and Community Benefits". The presentations, which included research into artificial intelligence and technological innovations, attracted a great deal of interest. A summary of the discussions closed the session, highlighting key points and future prospects.



Family photo before lunch break

This was followed by an online presentation by Dr. Moïse Sabi SANDIRI from UNILAB in Brazil. He shared the opportunities offered by Optica and the experience of his student chapter. This interactive presentation was followed by a question-and-answer session, enriching the exchanges.



The bus journey to EMN went off without a hitch. On arrival, participants were shown around the technical facilities and the training courses on offer at EMN. Mr Souleymane ISSIAKA, the school's director, explained what the Ecole des Métiers du Numérique is all about.

The visit was a valuable opportunity to see the practical applications of optical technologies in communications, and to learn more about current innovations. With detailed explanations from Mr GBAGUIDI Horacio



Family photo at the Ecole des Métiers du Numérique (EMN)

The day concluded with a return to EPAC, leaving the participants enriched by the new knowledge acquired and the fruitful exchanges. This celebration of the International Day of Light was a resounding success, reinforcing interest in and commitment to the science of light and its practical applications.



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