

# The Faces of Optica

To celebrate the extraordinary global diversity of our community, renowned portrait photographer Sam Barker has taken a series of portraits of Optica members. Visit [optica.org/faces](http://optica.org/faces) to view the full gallery. For more on the story of Optica, see this month's cover article (p. 24).



“Being part of the optics and photonics community, which is working on frontiers of research, motivates me to work on ambitious problems and investigate possible solutions. The community provides me with a framework that allows me to grow professionally and personally and look for the best, not the easiest, solution.”

—*Piotr Wegrzyn, University of Warsaw, Poland*



“For me, being part of the community means participating in a lively exchange with peers from industry and academia, actively contributing myself and always learning something new. I love the conversations during the coffee breaks at the conferences as much as listening to the presentations.”

—*Ulrike Fuchs, asphericon, Germany*



“As an optical scientist working in the optical fiber communications industry, this is the most important professional organization. To me, it is like a big family: it has helped me develop my professional networks, provided information and resources for expanding my technical fields and career development, and provided opportunities to serve the optical community and develop my technical leadership skills.”

—*Ming-Jun Li, Corning Inc., USA*

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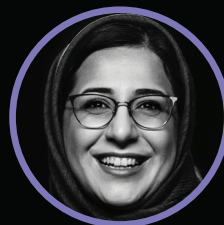
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