



To Photonics21Secretariat
via eMail: secretariat@photonics21.org

Dear Photonics21 Secretariat

We herewith submit the nomination of the following Photonics21 Board of Stakeholder candidate
Institut d'Optique Graduate School / Pierre BALADI.

**- Letter of Nomination -
Photonics21 Board of Stakeholders
Election 2020**

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§ 5 BOARD OF STAKEHOLDERS (6) b....A candidate nomination will always contain the name of the candidate organisation together with its proposed BoS Representative, and voting on a candidate implies voting on this combination.

1. Full legal name of the affiliation nominated as BoS Member (candidate's organisation):

Legal name: Institut d'Optique Théorique et Appliquée

Brand name: Institut d'Optique Graduate School

2. Full contact details of the affiliation (street, postal code, country) nominated as BoS Member and invoice address *(In accordance with the Terms of Reference §5, which the Affiliation acknowledges having received, an Annual Service fee will be invoiced every year during the first quarter to the BoS Member. By signing the present letter the BoS candidate agrees to pay this Service Fee. The Service Fee will be considered an asset of the Photonics 21 AISBL in accordance with its statutes (article 12,c).*

Institut d'Optique Graduate School

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France

3. Name of the suggested BoS Representative (the personal candidate)

Pierre BALADI

4. Information about the BoS candidate and the BoS representative

Extract Photonics21 Terms of Reference¹: “§ 5 BOARD OF STAKEHOLDERS; ...(6) Election of BoS Members: “Description of the activities of, and information about the added value and contribution to the BoS by both the nominated BoS member and the BoS Representative”

a) Description of the activities and information about the expected contribution and value added the nominated BoS member (candidates organization) will bring to the BoS²

Founded in 1917 with a triple mission to **educate optical engineers and scientists**, to carry out **intensive research in optical science** and to **transfer knowledge and technology to the optical industry**, Institut d'Optique Théorique et Appliquée is now known internationally under its brand name, **Institut d'Optique Graduate School**, and locally under its nickname, SupOptique. Nowadays, it operates 3 campuses in France (Paris-Saclay, Bordeaux, Saint Etienne) and it delivers degrees and operates educational programmes at Master and Doc-

¹ Photonics21 Terms of reference are available at

http://www.photonics21.org/download/general_inf/TermsOfReference/ETPPhotonics21TermsOfReference.pdf

² The candidate is aware and accepts that according to the Photonics21 Terms of Reference a service agreement and a service fee invoice is to be signed / paid with the Photonics21 association.

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toral levels, along with supervising 3 research centres, and working with the corporate world in numerous industries (from aerospace to cosmetics), including lifelong learning. With a student population of 500 students in MScEng, 50 in MSc and 150 in a PhD track, Institut d'Optique is one of the largest programmes in optics and photonics in Europe.

As an institution, Institut d'Optique is active on the 3 sides of the 'knowledge triangle': education, research and innovation. Our contribution to Photonics21's BoS would be within these three domains, with a **specific focus on higher education**, where the fact that we are an institution devoted to optics and photonics could bring a very precise point of view from the upstream of photonics careers, whether they be in companies, academia or start-ups.

- b)** Description of the activities and information about expected contribution and value added the BoS Representative (candidate / person) will bring to the BoS.

The candidate proposed by **Institut d'Optique Graduate School** is **Mr Pierre BALADI**, a graduate engineer with 15 years of experience in international relations in higher education. His full-time post at Institut d'Optique is **Head of International Relations**, and his duties are to manage the international office, a team of two. The activities carried out by this office are the setup and follow-up of partnerships with international universities, the management of study abroad periods for outbound students and of international students recruitment for inbound students, whether it be simple exchanges (one semester or one year) or full double-degree programmes. It also involves practicalities linked to international mobilities such as scholarships or international students' support for administrative procedures (visas, accommodation, health insurance...).

Within the framework of Photonics21's BoS, Pierre BALADI would have a **mandate to bring the point of view of Institut d'Optique** as an institution active in research in optics and photonics, in innovation and entrepreneurship and more specifically in higher education, at graduate level. An expertise field he can bring to Photonics21's BoS is on **student mobility**, whether it be mobility in Europe or worldwide. Our flagship degree, the MScEng (*Diplôme d'ingénieur*) programme, implies a mandatory period of 16 weeks abroad for all students in order to be eligible for the degree: we are therefore very active to foster study abroad mobilities and internships, in companies or in academic labs, in Europe.

Final information from the Photonics21 secretariat:

- *We recommend limiting the BoS nomination letter to 3-4 pages max.*
- *Letters of nominations should be submitted electronically to secretariat@photonics21.org .*
- *It is highly recommended to consult the Photonics21 Terms of Reference before submitting the nomination.*
- *Please note that the deadline for providing BoS nominations to the Photonics21 Secretariat is **25th August 2020**.*