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- Nonlinear optics for nanophotonics and biophotonics (Prof. P. N. Prasad, University of Buffalo, USA)
- Polymers with unprecedented NLO response (Prof. N. N. Peyghambarian, College of Optical Science, Univ. of Arizona, USA)
- Photonics polymers for fiber-to-the-display (Prof. Y. Koike, Keio University, Japan)

These keynote lectures, as well as the invited presentations, allowed the introduction of the state-of-the-art technologies in the field of organic nonlinear optics. The shorter oral contributions and poster presentations presented the latest developments in this field. The worldwide participation in the symposium, with participants from the USA, Europe, and Asia, as well as the discussions which followed the presentations and during the coffee breaks, demonstrates the importance and usefulness of these meetings for the scientific community. The conference will be organized again in 2007 as part of Photonics West SPIE Symposium.

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