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Introduction

Welcome to the proceedings from the 2nd Canterbury Conference on Optical Coherence Tomography with Emphasis on Broadband Optical Sources (2CCOCT), held 6-8 September 2017 at the University of Kent, Canterbury, UK.

This marks the second international conference that the University of Kent has organized on OCT. In 2017, the researchers in OCT celebrated 20 years since here, in the University of Kent, the first in-vivo en-face OCT image of the human retina was produced, and 19 years since the OCT/SLO instrument was invented within the Applied Optics Group. This represented the combination of the new (OCT) and old technology (scanning laser ophthalmoscopy, SLO) for imaging the back of the eye, in one instrument, that as a concept, the OCT/SLO instrument has since known a wide spread in different facets.

The University of Kent welcomed participants from Argentina, Australia, Austria, Canada, China, Denmark, France, Germany, Japan, New Zealand, Romania, Russia, UK, and USA, well-respected professionals in their fields—academia, health, higher education and industry. The university also welcomed several participants whose career paths crossed through the Applied Optics Group.

The conference was organised around the 3rd Network event of the European Industrial Doctoral School, "Ultrawide Bandwidth Photonics Devices, Sources and Applications" (UBAPHODESA, 607627, 2014-2018), supported by the Marie Curie Action, European Commission. The European Industrial Doctoral School has educated five early-stage researchers (ESRs), who spent 18 months at the Applied Optics Group, University of Kent, and then 18 months at NKT Photonics (Denmark), complemented by short stages at the associated partners: Institute of Ophthalmology of the University College London, Northwick Park Hospital (NPH) London, Optos Plc-Scotland, Technical University of Denmark, and Northwestern University (United States).

During the three-day conference, the ESRs presented their achievements after their three years of PhD training in an industrial setting, on optical coherence tomography (OCT), photoacoustics, supercontinuum lasers, and their clinical and industrial applications.

The organisers are grateful for the support of the Marie Curie training site, as well as of the companies, NKT Denmark, Superlum (Ireland), Santec (Japan), and Thorlabs (Germany).

With their support and with that of contributors from so many countries, this event that initially aimed to be a local network gathering has become a truly international conference.

The organisers acknowledge the support of SPIE. The papers in this conference proceedings volume will be published on the SPIE Digital Library and will be visible worldwide – as are the papers from the *1st Canterbury Workshop in Optical Coherence Tomography and Adaptive Optics*, SPIE Volume 7138 (2008). The other major society for this community, The Optical Society, was present at the conference with its Student Chapter at the University of Kent. Its chapter sponsored the best oral presentation of an ESR.

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