

Professor Bishnu Pal, current Head of Physics Department has been recently elected a "Director At Large" with full voting rights for a period of three years with immediate effect of the Board of Directors of the Optical Society of America (OSA), which has its Head Quarter in Washington DC, USA. Prof. Pal has been a member of OSA's "International Council" since 2007 and also a member of OSA's "Long Term Planning Group" (LTPG) since 2008. Founded in 1916, OSA: Advancing the Science and Technology of Light was organized to increase and diffuse the knowledge of optics, pure and applied; to promote the common interests of investigators of optical problems, of designers and of users of optical apparatus of all kinds; and to encourage cooperation among them. The purposes of the Society are scientific, technical and educational. The Optical Society of America brings together optics and photonics scientists, engineers, educators, technicians and business leaders. OSA's membership totals more than 14,000 individuals from over 81 countries. The following link lists the current constitution of the Board: <http://www.osa.org/aboutosa/leadership/board/default.aspx>, in which Professor Govind Agrawal of University of Rochester, who is a Distinguished Alumnus of IITD, is also a member.