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AOMD-5 belongs to a conference series organized under the auspices of The Baltic Chapter of The International Society for Optical Engineering (SPIE). Continuing the series of forum held in Riga (1996), Vilnius (2000), Riga (2002), and Tartu (2004), the Conference intends to continue the tradition of the exchange of ideas and encourage cooperation between the East and West in the field of optics-related advanced materials and devices. The conference venue was the Conference Hall of Semiconductor Physics Institute. The session topics discussed were

- Optoelectronic Materials and Devices
- Semiconductors and Laser Technology
- Optical and Fiberoptical Devices
- Nanotechnology-Based Multifunctional Materials
- Inorganic and Organic Optical Materials

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