



## Editorial

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## Short Communications

Short Communications is a section of this journal which publishes, rather quickly, short papers containing new, significant material in rapidly advancing areas of optical engineering. *Optical Engineering* is a good place (it may be the *best* place) to publish your work, because we can publish it quickly. Here is a publication schedule:

If I receive your Short Communication manuscript by →→→→ it will be reviewed within two weeks. If no revision is required (and if your manuscript conforms to the length, format, and publication-charge requirements stated in "Information for Contributors" on the preceding page), it will be forwarded to the Managing Editor by →→→→→→→→. She will mail galley proofs to you. If you get the galley proofs back to her within 10 working days, your Short Communication will appear in *Optical Engineering* issue of →→→→

Apr. 1	June 1	Aug. 1	Oct. 1	Dec. 1	Feb. 1
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May 1	July 1	Sep. 1	Nov. 1	Jan. 1	Mar. 1
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July-Aug.	Sep.-Oct.	Nov.-Dec.	Jan.-Feb.	Mar.-Apr.	May-June

As *Optical Engineering* (a bimonthly) is published on the first day of the first-named month of issue, that's 90 days (three months) from the date I receive your Short Communication manuscript to the date you and the other readers of *Optical Engineering* see your work in print. That's instant publishing.

When a revision is required, if you can do it within a week and get the manuscript right back to me, we can probably still make the schedule outlined above.

Any slippage in the schedule—by you, by me, by the Managing Editor, by the Editor, or by the U. S. Postal Service—may postpone the publication of your Short Communication to the following issue, making it 150 days (five months) from manuscript to publication. That is still *almost* instant publishing.

Short Communications are reviewed; they must be complete in themselves (they are not a means of rapid communication, nor correspondence, nor presentation of new material that will later form a full paper), and follow the format proscribed for full-length papers, including a brief abstract. Maximum length: four double-spaced typewritten pages (1,000 to 1,200 words), up to three figures or short tables; this usually works out to be two journal pages.

Please read "Information for Contributors" on the preceding page. Then send your Short Communication manuscript to Burt Clay, 55 Sedgemoor Road, Wayland, MA 01778.