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Introduction

The eighth SPIE conference (the fourth one held in Prague) in this series of conferences on metamaterials has brought together the scientific communities of metamaterials, plasmonics and nanophotonics. The conference provided a forum for both researchers and industry professionals and stimulated interaction between both communities and simultaneously took advantage of the synergy arising from conferences on nonlinear optics and its applications (8772), optical sensors (8774) and photonic crystal fibres (8775). Invited lectures shared recent achievements and novel concepts, namely complex viscoelastic properties of high contrast composites with complex viscoelastic properties, advances in radiative heat transfer at the nanoscale, active nanoplasmonic metamaterials, recent progress in material and computational methods, and theory and applications of hyperbolic metamaterials, and surface plasmon photodetectors have been presented by top experts in the field.

The speakers in contributed papers presented recent achievements in the investigation of new effects in metal-insulator-metal structures, novel techniques for engineering of permittivity and permeability used in transformation optics and metamaterials in infrared range. In the field of energy conversion the potential applications in photovoltaics arising from using spoof plasmons and nonsymmetrical hyperbolic media have been discussed. Advances in plasmon spectroscopy and imaging of individual metal nanoparticles as well as new effects associated with nanoparticles e.g. probing optical properties of a quantum dot and their applications in sensors have been reported in several interesting presentations. An anomalous refraction produced by self-assembled nanowires and progress in preparation and characterization of silver nanowires for infrared radiation shielding have been reported. Nonlinear effects in plasma materials associated with Raman spectroscopy and properties of dissipative optical solitons in microcavities have been discussed. In the field of magnetooptical plasmonic structures MO activity from magnetic and electric dipolar modes in magnetoplasmonic nanodiscs and numerical simulations of one-way waveguides in THz range have been reported.

As chairs of this meeting we would like to express our thanks to all those participants who contributed through their presentations, to session chairs and to program committee members.

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