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This was the first ETOP conference held in China after its founding in 1988, and the largest ETOP conference by the number of participants and presentations.

ETOP 2017 brought together leading optics and photonics educators from all levels and orientations to discuss, demonstrate, and learn about new developments and approaches of teaching in their fields. Through presentations, panel discussions, workshops and exhibits, it was the intent of this conference to inform professors, students, teachers, and professional trainers on how to teach optics and photonics for the future.

The teaching of optics and photonics, critical fields at the core of today's world-wide technological infrastructure, must continually get evaluated and improved in order to meet the growing demands of research, science, and industry.

We had a very successful ETOP meeting. The number of submissions (both of published papers and of abstracts for the program) have set the new record in the history of the conference.

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