



**OPTICAL SOCIETY  
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

**Meeting Announcement Friday September 14,**

**A Lunch, Lecture and a Meeting of Friends with:**

**Prof. Emil Wolf**

Sponsored by Dr. Tomasz Jansson, Chief Scientist, Physical Optics Corporation,

**A Note from Dr. Jansson:**

As we all know, Prof. Wolf, University of Rochester, New York, is a very big name in physical optics (diffraction, interference (coherence), etc.), being co-author (with Max Born, Nobel laureate) of the well-known text book: *Principles of Optics* (one of three most quoted in physics, in general, also many other books and scientific papers). He was OSA president and became an honorary OSA member, an honor which only a few share at the Optical Society of America (OSA). Since Prof. Wolf mainly lives and works on the east coast, this will be a unique opportunity for us. I am proud to be the editor of the book: *Tribute to Emil Wolf, Science and Engineering Legacy of Physical Optics*, SPIE Press 2005. You are welcome to attend this meeting, which will be very special.



Prof. Wolf's newest book entitled *Introduction to the Theory of Coherence and Polarization of Light* will be published by the end of September. It will include an account of his recently formulated unified theory of polarization and coherence about which he will speak in his seminar. Flyers of this book will be available at the seminar.

**About the Speaker:**

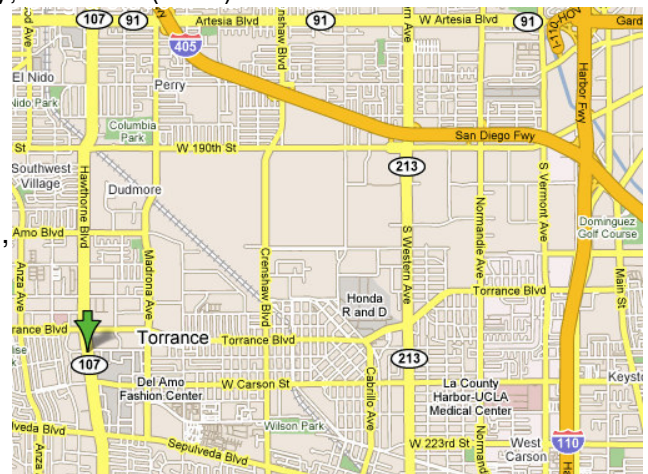
Prof. Wolf received his B.Sc. in Mathematics and Physics (1945), and his Ph.D. in Physics (1948), both from the University of Bristol (England). He received a D.Sc. degree in Optics from the University of Edinburgh (Scotland) in 1955. After research positions at Cambridge University (1948-51), the University of Edinburgh (1951-53), and the University of Manchester (1954-58), Prof. Wolf joined the University of Rochester as Associate Professor of Optics in 1959. He was appointed Professor of Physics in 1961, Professor of Optics in 1978, and has been the Wilson Professor of Optical Physics since 1987.

Prof. Wolf is the co-author, with Nobel Laureate Max Born, of the well-known book, *Principles of Optics*, first published in 1959 and now in its sixth edition. He is the co-author, with Leonard Mandel, of *Optical Coherence and Quantum Optics*, published in 1995. Prof. Wolf has been the Editor of an ongoing series *Progress in Optics* since its inception in 1961. Thirty-nine volumes have now been published, the first one in 1961.

Prof. Wolf is the recipient of the Frederic Ives Medal of the Optical Society of America (OSA) (1978), the Michelson Medal of the Franklin Institute (1980), the Max Born Award of the OSA (1987), the Marconi Medal of the Italian National Research Council (1987), the Gold Medal of the Czechoslovak Academy of Science (1991), the Medal of the Union of Czechoslovak Mathematicians and Physicists (1991), and the Gold Medal of Palacky University, Olomouc, Czechoslovakia (1991). He is an honorary member of the Optical Society of America, of which he was the President in 1978. He is also an honorary member of the Optical Societies of India and Australia and is the recipient of honorary degrees from the University of Groningen, the Netherlands (1989), the University of Edinburgh (1990), Palacky University (1992), the University of Bristol (1997), Laval University, Quebec (1997), the University of Franche Comté, France (1999) and Aalborg University, Denmark (1999).

**Meeting Details:**

- Date:** Friday September 14, 2007
- Time:** 10 AM, Buffet Lunch 12:15 PM
- Location:** [Double Tree Hotel](#) 21333 Hawthorne Blvd., Torrance, CA 90503 Tel: 310-540-0500
- Directions:** at the corner of Carson Street and Hawthorne Blvd., 20 minutes from LAX, and 10 minutes from the 405
- Cost:** No Charge, **RSVP required** – Seats are limited
- RSVP:** By Sept. 7, Sharon Peet, email: [Speet98@aol.com](mailto:Speet98@aol.com) 310-320-3088, Ext. 130



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