



Press release

Simon awarded SPIE Optics and Photonics Education Scholarship

BELLINGHAM, Washington, USA – June 3, 2019 – **Agota Simon** has been awarded a 2019 Optics and Photonics Education Scholarship by SPIE, the international society for optics and photonics, for her potential contributions to the field of optics, photonics or related field.



Simon is a PhD student in Optics, Spectroscopy, Plasma and Lasers at the University of Bucharest (Romania). Her research is carried out in the Laser Spectroscopy and Optics group within the National Institute for Laser, Plasma and Radiation Physics under the supervision of Prof. Mihail-Lucian Pascu. Her work focuses on opto- and microfluidic properties of laser exposed medicine droplets in interaction with target surfaces under terrestrial, micro- and hypergravity conditions. She was involved as project leader/coordinator in: European Space Agency's Spin Your Thesis! program, United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs' Drop Tower Experiment Series and Zero-Gravity Instrument Project.

The Society awarded \$298,000 in education scholarships to 84 outstanding SPIE student members, based on their potential contribution to optics and photonics, or a related discipline. Award-winning applicants were evaluated, selected and approved by the SPIE Scholarship Committee, Chaired by SPIE volunteer Jeremy Bos.

Through 2018, SPIE has distributed \$6 million dollars in individual scholarships. This ambitious effort reflects the Society's commitment to education and to the next generation of optical scientists and engineers around the world.

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