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**IEEE Lasers and Electro-Optics Society (LEOS) Becomes IEEE Photonics Society
*New Online Journal to Debut in June***

PISCATAWAY, N.J. – 9 April 2009 – The IEEE Lasers and Electro-Optics Society (LEOS), a leading global society in the field of photonics, lasers, and electro-optics, has officially changed its name to the IEEE Photonics Society. The new name reflects the expanding applications associated with the Society's field of interest and better represents its vision, mission and scope.

Photonics has become widely used to describe the broad field of research and applications relating to the generation, control and detection of light, including optical fiber communications, lasers, CDs, DVDs, supermarket scanners and digital cameras.

"The name change followed an extensive survey of our members," said Professor John Marsh, IEEE Photonics Society President. "We received an overwhelming positive vote, with a clear message that the new name better reflected the members' fields of work." The new Society Web site will be www.PhotonicsSociety.org.

In June, the Society will launch a new online publication, *IEEE Photonics Journal*, to complement the existing IEEE Photonics Society publications. The IEEE Photonics Society's immediate past Vice President of Publications, Professor Carmen Menoni, from Colorado State University, will serve as editor-in-chief.

The new Journal will publish exclusively online, ensuring rapid publication on the IEEE *Xplore* digital library, as well as provide open-access and multimedia options for authors. *IEEE Photonics Journal* submissions are being processed via Manuscript Central at <http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/pj-ieee>.

The IEEE Nanotechnology Council and the Antennas and Propagation, Consumer Electronics, Electron Devices, Engineering in Medicine and Biology, and Nuclear & Plasma Sciences Societies are technically co-sponsoring the journal.

About the Photonics Society

The Society's field of interest includes photonics, lasers, optical devices, optical fibers and associated lightwave technologies, plus their applications in both systems and subsystems in which quantum electronic devices are key elements. For over 30 years IEEE LEOS -- now the IEEE Photonics Society -- has provided information exchange, education, and professional growth, through publishing journals, sponsoring conferences, and supporting local initiatives in both academia and industry.

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