

Johnson Becomes Editor of *Optics Letters*

Anthony M. Johnson of the New Jersey Institute of Technology is the new Editor of *Optics Letters*, a bimonthly journal published by the Optical Society of America.

Johnson holds a 1975 BS in physics from the Polytechnic Institute of New York (now Polytechnic University) and a 1981 PhD in physics from City College of the City University of New York. He worked for nearly 15 years at AT&T Bell Laboratories in Holmdel, New Jersey, where he was a distinguished member of the technical staff in the photonic circuits research department, before leaving in January 1995 to become chair of the physics department at the New Jersey Institute of Technology. Johnson's research in ultrafast optics and optoelectronics has included the generation of picosecond and femtosecond optical sources, fiber-grating compression of laser pulses, ultrashort pulse propagation in fibers and ultrafast photophysics of semiconductors.

Johnson's predecessor at the journal was Peter W. E. Smith of the University of Toronto. During Smith's six-year tenure, reducing publication delays became a priority. As a result the average time between submission of a letter and its publication was reduced from more than six months to four months.

IN BRIEF

Within the next few months scientists interested in using the high-voltage electron microscope at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory will be able to do so via the Internet. An on-site operator will load the sample into the instrument, and users at remote locations can then enter computer commands to change the microscope's magnification, scan a sample, alter the sample's orientation and trigger a range of experimental conditions. The job of positioning and focusing the instrument will be automated. The team bringing the electron microscope online is led by Bahram Parvin and Michael O'Keefe, both of LBNL.

The American Physical Society's Visiting Minority Lectureship Award has been renamed the Bouchet-Rainwater Award, in honor of physicists Edward A. Bouchet and Leo James Rainwater. Bouchet was the first African-American to earn a PhD, from Yale University in 1876. Rainwater, a Native American, shared the 1975 Nobel Prize in Physics for work on the structure of the distorted nucleus. ■

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