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Introduction

It is our pleasure to welcome all of you to Photonics West 2009's conference on Broadband Access Communication Technologies III. Our move from Optics East to Photonics West brings renewed spirit and focus on exciting developments in broadband access technologies to wider audiences in the photonics and optics industries. This year we have assembled high quality technical papers from Europe, Asia, and North America. This will provide coherent coverage on the latest technologies in broadband access.

The purpose of this conference is to promote discussions and disseminations of design, development, and performance of various types of broadband access communication technologies. This includes platform technologies such as optical fiber-based, radio-over-fiber-based, photonics-based, satellite-based, free-space-based, and mobile wireless-based. We have invited a number of well-known speakers to present the current and future trends of these broadband access technologies.

Finally, we strongly appreciate the speakers and authors of the contributed and invited papers, the technical program committee members, and the session chairs for helping with the sessions. We also thank the SPIE staff for their help in processing the submissions and organizing the conference. The success of this conference is strongly due them.

Thank you for joining us at the Broadband Access Communication Technologies III conference.

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