

South African Institute of Physics  
Terms of Reference for the Lasers Optics and Spectroscopy Specialist Group

**Tasks**

1. To promote scientific research in the field of lasers, optics, spectroscopy and related disciplines.
2. Organize regular workshops, and specialist conferences
3. Initiate and coordinate relevant projects between various institutions
4. Promote cooperation between industry and academia
5. Promote international participation in projects
6. Promote awareness among students and the public in general

**Goals**

1. Establish a flagship research program in the field of laser, optics and spectroscopy
2. Increase participation of scientists from the African continent
3. Increase industrial participation in the SAIP subgroup's activities.
4. Find sponsorship for keynote speaker for every SAIP conference
5. Increase student numbers in the field of laser, optics and spectroscopy

**Next election date July 2010**