

Roses in Science and Elite Panel Session
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The Rose in Science and Elite (RISE) is a prestigious initiative launched by the Changchun Institute of Optics, Fine Mechanics and Physics, Chinese Academy of Sciences, as part of the 2015 United Nations' International Year of Light celebrations. In 2021, RISE transitioned from an in-person event to a virtual one, expanding its reach and impact on a global scale. This transition was made possible through collaborations with iCANX and several international optical organizations including Optica, IEEE Photonics, SPIE, and the esteemed journal - Light: Science & Applications. These partnerships have not only broadened the event's scope but also enhanced its influence within the scientific community worldwide.



We are excited to announce that RISE will be held as a special session at the International Congress on Optics (ICO26) taking place in South Africa. This marks the seventh instalment of RISE, an event that has become synonymous with bridging geographical divides and fostering heartfelt connections among participants. At its core, RISE celebrates the collaborative efforts of both women and men in advancing technological innovation across the globe.

Our mission with RISE is to guide young women who aspire to build careers in scientific research, helping them discover their unique "life coordinates." We aim to showcase the endless possibilities that await them should they remain steadfast in their pursuit of knowledge and discovery.

A profound thought from a philosopher aptly captures the essence of RISE: "Roses do not bloom hurriedly; for beauty, like any masterpiece, takes time to blossom." Yet, we hold firm in the belief that these beautiful roses will indeed flower, flourishing amidst the verdant expanse of science.

By participating in RISE at ICO26, attendees will not only engage with leading experts and cutting-edge research but also contribute to nurturing the next generation of female scientists. Join us in this journey of enlightenment and empowerment, where each participant plays a vital role in shaping a more inclusive and vibrant scientific landscape.

Registration is mandatory as we will only be accepting the first 50 people.

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