

**First Project Meeting  
&  
Training Day 1: “Light, molecules and models”  
Slupsk, Poland  
March 20-21, 2014**

***Meeting that inspires.***

Evolution of society is impossible without scientific progress. Every day, millions of scientists around the World work to make our life safer, more comfortable and interesting. Science and technology develop thank to people, the scientists, having a very interesting and complicated work at the same time – a research work. Light and its interaction with matter, one of the most fascinating and technologically relevant research fields, was the main topic of the **First Project Meeting and First Training Day of Nano2Fun project**. These actions took place in Slupsk (Poland) on March 20-21, 2014.

XX (number) senior scientists active in the fields of physics and chemistry gathered in Slupsk from various European and nearby countries and 9 early-stage researchers joined the group, coming from Italy, Belarus, Greece and India, to discuss the directions of Nano2Fun research as well as to exchange experiences in the fields of two-photon absorption,



two-photon polymerization and spectroscopy of different molecular systems. The development of modern science and technics is impossible without close interaction between theory and experiment and without interaction between different branches of science. The meeting was a fine place where theorists and experimentalists in physics and chemistry and scientists working in industrial

environment discussed a wide spectrum of problems. During the meeting senior scientists presented lectures about two-photon polymerization, chromophores for two-photon absorption, principles of linear and nonlinear spectroscopy and fluorescence were given, and young researchers presented themselves to the group. The meeting demonstrated that science is not just useful, but also interesting. Common scientific interests are a powerful *social glue*, allowing people from various countries to overcome cultural and historical barriers. The enthusiasm of senior and young scientists is the inspiration to new discoveries. The conference proved that science has not borders and is open to everyone. The language of science does not need translation and science allows everyone to make his/her personal contribution to the development and progress of the mankind.

On a lighter side, the meeting offered all participants a good opportunity to get acquainted with history, culture and food of Polish Pomerania and Slupsk city in particular. Next Project Meetings will be organized in different countries (Belgium, India, Spain, Germany, France, United Kingdom and Italy) every six months: an excellent opportunity for early stage researchers to develop their scientific skills a strongly multicultural context.