

## **Electrical Engineering Ph.D. student wins Best Student Presentation Award**

Electrical Engineering Prof. M. Vasilyev's Ph.D. student Pallavi G. Patki won the Best Student Presentation Award at the recent Frontiers in Optics conference.

She presented a paper "Single-Channel 2R Regeneration in Quasi-Continuous Dispersion-Managed Nonlinear Medium," whose other co-authors included Veronika Stelmakh (UTA undergraduate student), Muthiah Annamalai (UTA Ph.D. student), Prof. Michael Vasilyev (UTA) and Prof. Taras I. Lakoba (University of Vermont).

Frontiers in Optics conference is the Annual Meeting of the Optical Society of America (OSA), which was founded in 1916 and currently has over 14,000 members from 81 countries. Out of 130 student papers, 2 winners were selected by each of the OSA's 7 divisions. The papers were evaluated on the quality of both the research and the presentation.

Pallavi's paper was one of the two winners in the Photonics division of the OSA (the other was from University of California at Berkeley), whereas the competition consisted of papers from Caltech, Stanford, Cornell, Georgia Tech, U. of Rochester, UC-San Diego, UC-Irvine, U. of Arizona, Boston University, as well as the best schools from United Kingdom, Russia, Italy, Israel, Brazil, India, Austria, and Bulgaria.

The official OSA announcement can be found in the November issue of Optics and Photonics News, the Society's monthly magazine (<http://www.osa-opn.org/home/>).

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