

The Road to OSA's Centennial

The Optical Society (OSA) celebrates its 100th anniversary in 2016. To commemorate this special occasion, the society is planning a number of activities and events. Check the OSA Centennial website for information about how you can join the celebration: www.osa.org/100



1916 Perley G. Nutting is chosen OSA's first president. At its founding, the Society counts 30 members.



1966

OSA's 50th Anniversary Meeting is held at the Smithsonian Museum in Wash., D.C., USA, with OSA President Van Zandt Williams in attendance.



1921

OSA holds its sixth annual meeting in Rochester, N.Y., USA, and enjoys a record attendance of 130 members.

1986

OSA elects its first female president, Jean M. Bennett, a highly decorated research physicist recognized for her contributions to the study of optical surfaces.



1991

OSA celebrates its 75th anniversary under the leadership of OSA President John N. Howard, founding editor of *Applied Optics*, and OSA's principal historian.

2016

Today, OSA counts **19,000** members from **100** countries, as well as a global network of **350** Student Chapters.



2006

At OSA's 90th annual meeting, OSA Honorary Member and Nobel Laureate Steven Chu delivers a warning on greenhouse gases and global warming.