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The primary two purposes of the trip were:

- 1. To participate in the first annual symposium of the LAPHIA Photonics Consortium in Bordeaux. (Aug 29-Sept 5, 2013)
- 2. To present an invited paper at the EMSLIBS conference in Bari, Italy Sept 15-20, 2013). The invited paper was on the subject of advanced methods of LIBS stand-off detection. This had been the central theme of the first ARO MURI we were awarded (2005 -2012, on femtosecond laser-induced breakdown spectroscopy science). We still have a strong continuing program in this area.

Since there was a week space between these two meetings, I planned several additional visits. The costs for these visits were covered by multiple funding sources, including my own personal funds. These visits were:

- 1. A visit Sept 9<sup>th</sup> to the laboratories of ASML in Eindhoven, Netherlands, to discuss details of EUV source generation for advanced lithography. LPL has a funded program in this area.
- 2. A visit Sept. 10th, and seminar at the FOM and now DIFFER group in Amsterdam to discuss advanced X-ray and EUV optics and source issues. A new collaboration came out of these discussions.
- 3. A visit to the laboratories of Dr Firouz Darroudi Sept 11th, a world expert in cancer diagnosis and therapy. We have been planning a joint program on laser-applications in this area for some time.
- 4. Participating in the opening celebrations for the Zepler Institute at the University of Southampton in the UK, Sept 12-13<sup>th</sup>. The Zepler Institute is a large new investment in advanced photonic fiber development and nanoscience, headed by Sir David Payne.

In addition to attending these conferences and meetings, I took a small amount of personal time off (Aug 23-28<sup>th</sup>) in France.

The trip was arranged through Nice to ensure the lowest cross-Atlantic flights.

One additional even occurred on this trip that was not scheduled. On the first day of my attendance of the LAPHIA meeting in Bordeaux, my briefcase containing my passport, keys, computer, money, etc, was stolen on a streetcar to the University. This necessitated me to make numerous reports to the police etc, and to make a special trip to the U.S. embassy in Paris to obtain a new temporary passport. Eventually the police found my briefcase a month later, but the computer and money were missing.