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The main focus was on the discussion of fundamentals and general approaches of description of coherent, low-coherent, polarized, spatially and temporally modulated light interactions with inhomogeneous absorbing media, photonic crystals, optical biopsy, tissue phantoms, and various types of tissues' properties both in vitro and in vivo. Such effects as static and dynamic light scattering, Doppler, photoacoustic and photothermal interactions, mechanical stress, photodynamic effect, etc. were considered. On this basis, the variety of laser and optical technologies for medical diagnostics, therapy, surgery, and light dosimetry, as well as for spectroscopy of random and ordered media were presented. New fundamental phenomena in quantum optics together with novel laser and fiber optic technologies were presented, as well as photonics of micro- and nanostructures.

SFM-13 was organized as the morning plenary sessions, afternoon lecture and oral sessions, evening poster presentations, and internet discussion. Plenary lectures were presented by leading experts in different fields of science and listened with a great interest and discussed by audience. Original oral reports and posters were

presented by junior scientists under supervising of leaders of well-known scientific groups.

Plenary and Invited lectures, oral and poster presentations covered a wide area of tissue optics, spectroscopy and imaging, controlling of optical properties of tissues, as well as biophysical and photo-chemical aspects of photo and laser therapy.

The traditional specific feature of the Saratov Fall Meetings is the Internet Session and one-day online discussion. In 2013, this session has included two plenary lectures, 10 invited lectures and 27 internet reports.

The abstracts by the participants from USA, Russia, United Kingdom, Germany, Portugal, Finland, Estonia, Israel, New Zealand, etc., located at the meeting website: <http://sfm.eventry.org/symposium2013/internet>, were available during the meeting and will be available for a whole year until the next meeting.

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