## **AC1 ICO REPORT**

1) "Optics & Photonics Africa 2023," set to be held in White River, South Africa 6-10 November, 2023.

This event, organized under the auspices of the International Commission for Optics (ICO), promises to be a significant milestone in the field of optics and photonics for the African continent. Representatives of IUPAP were invited to the conference.

1) The following event in Dresden has seen the participation of several members of ICO and IUPAP and has been realized through a cooperation between ICO e IUPAP:

The General Congress for optics and photonics ICO-25-OWLS-16 of the International Commission for Optics (ICO) and the international society for Optics Within Life Sciences (OWLS) was in-person celebrated 5-9 September 2022 at the TU Dresden, Dresden, Germany. The General Congress was sponsored by the ICO, OWLS, and TU Dresden. We gratefully acknowledge the financial co-sponsoring by the DGaO - The German Branch of EOS, Carl Zeiss AG, OPTICA (The society advancing optics and photonic worldwide, formerly OSA), SPIE (The International Society for Optics and Photonics - Connect Minds and Advance Light), Photonics Society of IEEE (Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers), IUPAP (The International Union of Pure and Applied Physics) and the City of Dresden.