

#### ICFO ORGANIZATION AND NETWORK OF STUDENTS

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# About ICONS

### Enriching the student experience within ICFO

In 2004, ICONS (ICFO Organization and Network of Students) was created by a group of motivated students as an umbrella organization for all ICFO Student Chapters. It is recognized and supported by Optical Society of America (OSA), International Society for Optics and Photonics (SPIE) and European Physical Society (EPS).

The ICONS Student Chapter promotes long term educational activities for students and helps to improve career opportunities by drawing them closer to the photonics community. An annually elected government spearheads the network's activities which aim to intensify the interaction and collaboration of its members and between ICFO working groups. The organization of the chapter facilitates participation at all levels in order to achieve broad participation within the ICFO community.

### Student Chapter Network

Not only does ICONS aim to build and support the student experience within ICFO, it also ties ICFO Students to a larger international group of young scientists working to advance the understanding and science of light.

We provide a subscription to EPS, SPIE and Optica.

Moreover, we participate in several annual meetings where we get to meet students from other student chapters.



EPS Young Minds Leadership Meetings - Naples (IT), May 2023

### Educational Activities

Here we present some examples of activities that we regularly organize.

#### **PhD Seminars**

PhD present their work to other students in a relaxed environtment, with coffee and cookies.



#### Workshop on Interview Skills

Every two years, we organize this workshop together with the KTT department. During the workshop, PhD students participate in mock interviews with professionals fromt he industry and accademic world.



# **Social Activities**

#### **International Food Festival**

ICFOnians organize in teams by country/geographical region and participate in a cooking contest. All the other attendees vote for the best team, which gets a price.



#### Footbolin Tournament



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