

EOS Board Election – Marcel Poulain



Marcel Poulain is 72 years old. He received his PhD degree from Rennes University (France) where he served as a chemistry professor for 44 years. He is now Emeritus Professor. Since 2014 he is the president of the Company “Le Verre Fluoré”, company he co-created in 1977 and that is leader in this technological field.

Professor Poulain is known for the discovery of the heavy metal fluoride glasses, especially the “ZBLAN” glass that has been the subject of more than 10,000 scientific papers. He has directed around 50 Doctorate thesis and co-authored more than 300 papers. His main research interests are low loss infrared optical fibers for astronomy, rare earth doped fibers for laser emission, and supercontinuum generation.

Fellow member of the American Ceramic society he has received the G. W. Morey award, and the Rolex award for enterprise.

Professor Poulain strongly believes that the European Optical Society will take a major part in the growing development of photonics. He will promote collaborations with National Societies and emergence of thematic clusters.