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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Over a quarter-million articles now in SPIE Digital Library, as new features are launched**

Bellingham, WA, USA - 7 January 2008 - The SPIE Digital Library passed the 250,000-article milestone on 28 December, with the latest publications including new journal articles as well as proceedings papers from conferences held in mid-December.

The SPIE Digital Library this month is extending multimedia file capability and enhanced reference linking, available for the past year for journal publications, to proceedings articles. Multimedia files are accessed from the article's abstract page or directly from links within the PDF. With enhanced reference linking, citations are linked to the referenced publications through CrossRef and displayed to subscribers on an article's abstract page view.

The SPIE Digital Library is accessible through key search engines and scientific databases as well as independently at [SPIEdigitallibrary.org](http://SPIEdigitallibrary.org). This year, SPIE joined with 14 other societies to create a new search portal, Scitopia.org, which launched from the beta version in October.

SPIE articles are among the most widely cited literature in patents related to optics and photonics, encompassing the broadest range of technologies in those topics.

Additional facts about the SPIE Digital Library:

- Launched in July 2003
- Includes journal articles and conference proceedings papers dating from 1990 onward
- Approximately 17,000 editor-reviewed conference proceedings papers added annually, with publication of individual papers beginning immediately after the event as approvals are met and with all papers published by 3.6 weeks post-meeting, on average
- Approximately 1,000 refereed articles from SPIE's six journals added annually, with each paper published online as soon as referee and production processes are completed
- European and Asian contributions represent over 50% of all papers in the collection, creating a global networking and research resource
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