

# 5<sup>th</sup> IEEE Women in Photonics event

25<sup>th</sup> of November 2021, 16.45 h - 17.45 h, Salle Macquet,  
University of Mons, Electromagnetism and Telecommunication Unit, Belgium

The IEEE Photonics Society Benelux Chapter will host the fifth edition of "IEEE Women in Photonics" event, which will take place just before the 25<sup>th</sup> IEEE Photonics Benelux Chapter Annual Symposium at the University of Mons.

This event is intended to provide a platform to female scientists (but not exclusively) at different career stages for networking, mentoring, and coaching. The ultimate goal is to encourage women to advance their career in the photonics field to achieve the ideal gender balanced workplace.



During this event, we will have the opportunity to hear the personal career development experience of two colleagues: Dr. Silvia Soria, senior researcher at IFAC-N, Carrara Institute of Applied Physics and Prof. Alessia Pasquazi, full professor at University of Sussex, and share our own in an informal and relaxed atmosphere.

**Dr. Silvia Soria** received her MSc. and PhD degrees in Physics from the University of Barcelona, Spain, in 1994 and 1999 respectively. She worked as a postdoctoral researcher at Laser Laboratorium Goettingen e.V., in Germany. She was a Ramon Cajal fellow at ICFO-Institute of Photonics Science in Barcelona, Spain. Currently she is a senior researcher at the IFAC- N Carrara Institute of Applied Physics in Italy and a habilitated Professor in Applied Physics. Her research interests include lasers, non-linear optics, soft matter and biophotonics. She has authored over 100 publications and presented her results in many international conferences. She is a member of the committee of Equal Opportunities at the Italian Society of Physics.



**Prof. Alessia Pasquazi** received her PhD degree in engineering from the University of Roma Tre in 2009. She has been MELS fellow (Quebec, Canada) from 2010-2011 and EU Marie-Curie Fellow from 2013-2015, Ernest Rutherford Fellow (2018-2022), and ERC Starting Grant Laureate (2020-2024). She works in the field of nonlinear photonics and microcombs. Alessia is leading the research in ultrafast integrated optics at the EPic Lab. She is part of the SCQT (Sussex Centre for quantum technologies). She serves as the editor of the Scientific Reports journal (Nature Publishing Group), and chair of panels in several conferences, organized by SPIE, OSA and IEEE societies. She has been a program chair of the OSA 'Nonlinear Photonics conference' (2018) and general chair of the OSA 'Nonlinear Photonics conference' (2020).

Join us for a pleasant afternoon, rich of networking and inspiration!

Registration is required\*, but free. Please, send an email to: Dr. Patty Stabile ([r.stabile@tue.nl](mailto:r.stabile@tue.nl)).

## **Program:**

**16:30h** – Networking accompanied by coffee and tea

**16:45h** – Presentation by **Dr. Silvia Soria**, including few questions

**17:05h** – Presentation by **Dr. Alessia Pasquazi**, including few questions

**17:25h** – Questions and open discussion

**17:40h** – Closing of the event

\*Registration to the Benelux Chapter Symposium is not required to attend this event.