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**University Students Head to Algonquin College
for Special Forum on Photonics Technology**

University students from across Canada specializing in photonics studies will be learning about experimental techniques in photonics at a series of workshops being held at Algonquin College and the National Research Council (NRC) in Ottawa from Nov. 11 to 13.

The workshops, organized by the student arm of the Canadian Institute for Photonics Innovation (CIPI-S), will focus on techniques used to make and test photonics devices. The workshop organizers chose Algonquin College because of its strength in and focus on the practical application of photonics.

Photonics encompasses technologies that generate and harness light and other forms of radiant energy. Beyond telecommunications, photonics has a broad - and rapidly expanding - range of applications in the fields of medicine, security, the environment, and biosciences.

The student workshop, which is fully booked, is being held in association with BioLIGHT 2003, Canada's first ever biophotonics forum. Scheduled for Nov. 13 to 16 in Gatineau, BioLIGHT 2003 will bring together internationally recognized Canadian and American experts to discuss emerging applications in biophotonics.

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Photonics Workshop - 2

Who: Dr. Ian MacDonald, President, Canadian Institute for Photonics Innovation (CIPI)

Dr. Abdul Al-Azzawi, Professor, Photonics Engineering,
Algonquin College

Forty university undergraduates and graduate students from
across Canada engaged in photonics study and research

What: CIPI-S Workshop on Experimental Techniques in Photonics
Morning lectures, afternoon "hands-on" workshop

When: Tuesday, November 11, 2003
9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Best Time: 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Where: Algonquin College
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T Building
Photonics Lab, T123

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