

Notice about the 2022 Rising Stars of Light – to honor the legacy of Prof. Gabriel Popescu

Dear Optics Community, Applicants and Nominators of the 2022 Rising Stars of Light Awards,

We are all devastated to know that Dr. Gabriel Popescu, William L. Everitt Distinguished Professor at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, a giant in the fields of optical microscopy and holography has recently passed away.

Prof. Gabriel Popescu was a true scholar, innovator, educator, mentor and a role model for many researchers and educators in optics. He was also a major contributor to the success of Light: Science & Applications (LSA). He contributed to LSA since our first year, and published 7 exciting research articles with us. When LSA's sister journal eLight was launched in 2021, Prof. Gabriel Popescu also served in our editorial board, contributing immensely to the successful launch of eLight.

To deliver our deepest condolences and memorize his contributions, LSA decided to rename this year's Rising Stars of Light - Faculty & Postdoc track awards as the Rising Stars of Light's Popescu Awards. This is a decision unanimously made by the selection and organizing committee members of the 2022 Rising Stars of Light.

We hope you will join us to honor Prof. Gabriel Popescu's legacy and scholarship through your outstanding nominations.

Committee of 2022 Rising Stars of Light

Organizing Committee of 2022 Rising Stars of Light

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