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The 17th International Conference of Photonics in Europe was held in Munich, Germany, at the International Conference Centre of Munich from 13th to 17th June 2005. This congress was composed of three concurrent conferences, one being the European conference on Biomedical Optics, European Optical Society (EOS) conference on Industrial Imaging and Machine Vision, and finally the Optical Metrology conference.

We had access to the three conferences which gave us the opportunity to attend others presentations on several domains ranging from biomedical to industrial areas, within a broad range of applications of optics technology.

My presentation was in the Optical Metrology conference. This conference was divided in three sub-conferences and my talk was given in the Micro- and Nano-Metrology sub-conference. My talk was untitled "Optical Coherence Tomography with a Fizeau Interferometer configuration" and the latest improvement and development of the Fizeau arrangement was presented.

The presence of many international companies exhibiting as well as the research groups from around the world demonstrated the high quality of this congress.

I attended as many presentations as I could, especially with topics outside of my research interest and was particularly interested in the Optical Methods for Arts and Archaeology conference.

The congress gave me a wonderful opportunity to visit Germany and in particular Munich, it was my first time there. I experienced life in Munich through the aid of a tour guide who took us around Munich. I discovered that Munich was very rich in culture and history. Part of the tour included the opportunity to sample their various beer flavours and I consider this to have been the peak of enjoyment during my trip to Munich. Munich is also a good place to taste Bavarian food.

The conference was well organised. I am very grateful to have had the chance to attend this conference and I recommend all students to attend the next World of Photonics Congress.