

# Alexander Nosich Receives Docteur Honoris Causa

Prof. Alexander I. Nosich was awarded the title of Docteur Honoris Causa of the Université de Rennes 1, France, on April 3, 2015 (Figures 1 to 4). The President of the university handed him a diploma (Figure 5) and a memorial medal (Figures 6 and 7) at a special ceremony where involved participants wore academic dress and made short speeches.

The ceremony was attended by approximately 200 guests. These included faculty members and students of IETR and Université de Rennes 1, representatives of the city administration, business and industry, and friends of the awardee. This included Prof. Ronan Sauleau of IETR, the nominator (Figure 8).

Prof. Nosich is Principal Scientist and Head, Laboratory of Micro and Nano Optics of the Institute of



**Figure 1.** The opening of the Docteur Honoris Causa award ceremony at the Campus Beaulieu of Université de Rennes 1.



**Figure 2.** The President of the Université de Rennes 1 fixes epitoga (a piece of cloth with white fur stripes) to the left shoulder of the fresh Docteur Honoris Causa.



**Figure 3.** The President of the Université de Rennes 1 (c) hands the academic regalia to the Docteur Honoris Causa (l). In France, the toga (gown) color represents the academic field. For exact and experimental science, it is amaranth.

Radio-Physics and Electronics of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine. His research interests are in computational electromagnetics, and span a wide spectrum of applications and frequencies, from microwaves to optics. He has published over 140 journal papers and eight book chapters. His personal H-index is 30 by Google and 24 by Scopus. He is a Fellow of the IEEE. His collaboration with the Institute of Electronics and Telecommunications of Rennes (IETR) of the Université de Rennes 1 started in 1995. It has resulted in 25 journal and 75 conference papers published jointly with IETR scientists, eight successful PhD theses, and 20 joint projects, including the International Research Chair of the Université Européenne de Bretagne in 2009-2010, funded by the Regional Council of Brittany.



**Figure 4.** The new Docteur Honoris Causa makes a short speech about his 20-year collaboration with Université de Rennes 1.



**Figure 5. The diploma of Docteur Honoris Causa of the Université de Rennes 1.**

Other funding agencies in this collaboration were CNRS, the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs, the Ministry of National Education and Research, the NATO Science Division, and the European Science Foundation.

Prof. Nosich is an active contributor to URSI at the national and international level. In 1993, he represented Ukraine at the URSI General Assembly in Kyoto, where Ukraine joined URSI. He later was active in Commission B of the Ukraine national URSI committee. He took part in many conferences organized or cosponsored by URSI, such as the Commission B Symposia on Electromagnetic Theory; Asia-Pacific Radio Science Conferences; and Kharkiv Symposia on Microwaves, Millimeter and Sub-Millimeter Waves.

In 1995, he was organizer and Chair of the IEEE AP-S East Ukraine Chapter, the first AP-S mono-chapter in the



**Figure 6. The front of the medal in commemoration of the Docteur Honoris Causa.**



**Figure 7. The back of the medal in commemoration of the Docteur Honoris Causa.**

former USSR. In 2003, he was elected an IEEE Fellow with the citation, “For contributions to the applications of computational electromagnetics to antennas and open waveguides.”



**Figure 8. Prof. Alexander Nosich (r) and his nominator, Prof. Ronan Sauleau of IETR.**

In 2001-2003, he served as a delegate of Ukraine and Poland at the European Microwave Association. Since 2008, he has served as an observer from Ukraine and Georgia at the European Association for Antennas and Propagation. From 1989-2014, he was one of the initiators and later the Technical Program Committee Chair of the series of international conferences on Mathematical Methods in Electromagnetic Theory (MMET), held in Ukraine.

We extend our hearty congratulations to Prof. A. I. Nosich.

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