The Congress on Spectroscopy is a regular quadrennial scientific meeting. The series was started in the Soviet Union in 1930-th and has been carefully continued. Nowadays the Congress brings together participants from Russia, neighboring countries (the former Soviet republics) and guests from other countries worldwide. Traditionally, the Congress aims at giving an overview of all areas of modern optics and spectroscopy as well as the latest and topical achievements in these and related disciplines. In previous years, the main organizer of this meeting was the Institute for Spectroscopy of the Russian Academy of Sciences (www.isan.troitsk.ru).

The XXV-th Congress on spectroscopy was held in Troitsk city district of Moscow (Russia) from 3rd till 7th October 2016 on the base of the Institute for Spectroscopy RAS.

The Congress program covered a broad range of actual questions of optics and spectroscopy, including fundamental atomic and molecular spectroscopy, spectroscopy of condensed matter and plasma, spectroscopy and microscopy of single quantum objects and nanostructures. Various interdisciplinary fields were also included and suggested for discussions during the meeting: quantum informatics, nanoplasmonics and metamaterials, nanooptics, photonics, applied spectroscopy in bio- and medical physics. Some special attention was paid to the questions of modern spectral instrumentation.

As a side event to the Congress there was the Youth Scientific School on Optics and Spectroscopy that offered a series of lectures and included talks of young scientists followed by a competition of their scientific works. The school was organized with help of the Moscow State Pedagogical University (www.mspu.ru).

The Congress was also accompanied with the exhibition organized by sponsoring companies, where the modern equipment for optics, spectroscopy and related areas from the world-wide leading manufacturers was demonstrated.

The scientific program of the meetings included 25 invited lectures, 54 oral talks, 112 poster talks, authored in total by 605 scientists from 16 countries (Russia, Belarus, Armenia, Ukraine, Italy, Germany, France, Austria, Poland, Czech Republic, Sweden, India, China, Japan, Australia, USA).

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The general photo of the 25th Congress on Spectroscopy.

Opening session (left). The organizing committee (right).

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