June 29, 2007

Dear Colleague:

The Congressional Research and Development Caucus would like to call your attention to an invitation you already should have received to a lunch briefing sponsored by Optical Society of America (OSA), entitled:

**Strengthening National Defense with Laser Technology**

**Thursday, September 6, 2007 ~ Noon to 1:30pm ~ Lunch will be served**
2325 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC

RSVP to Angela Stark at astark@osa.org or (202) 416-1443

Moderator **Duncan Moore, Ph.D.**
Professor of Optical and Biomedical Engineering
Institute of Optics, University of Rochester

**Targeting and Reconnaissance with Lasers** – Robert Pack, Ph.D.
Director, USTAR Directed Energy Sensors Technology Group, Utah State University

**Lasers for Security** – Douglas P. Crawford, Ph.D.

**Laser Communication in Space** – Don Boroson, Ph.D.
Leader, Optical Communications Group, Communications and Information Technology Division
MIT Lincoln Laboratory

From the ground to the air, lasers play a key role in our country’s national security efforts. However, our current laser technology is just the tip of the iceberg. Research being done by the federal government, universities and industry will enable laser-based capabilities to transform and improve military operations in the future.

The Optical Society of America (OSA) in conjunction with the Congressional Research and Development (R&D) Caucus invites you to attend this luncheon briefing to hear more about state-of-the-art lasers being used in Iraq and laser technologies in development to defend our nation.

Sincerely,

Rush Holt
R&D Caucus Co-Chair

Judy Biggert
R&D Caucus Co-Chair

To join the Research and Development Caucus, please contact Chris Hartmann in Rep. Holt’s office at 5-5801 or Paul Doucette in Rep. Biggert’s office at 5-3515.

For more information on the Caucus, see www.researchcaucus.org