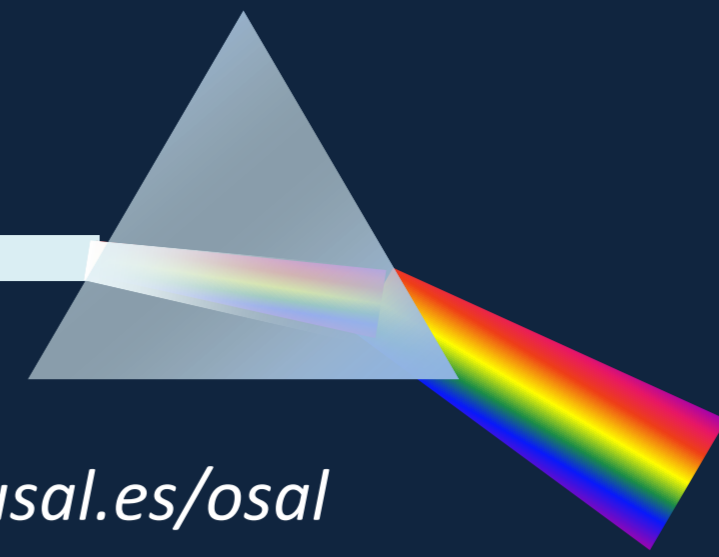


# OSAL

Salamanca OSA Student Chapter

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## A few words about us...

Members of OSAL belong to University of Salamanca and Centro de Láseres Pulsados Ultracortos Ultraintensos (CLPU), located in Salamanca (Spain). The chapter was created in May 2009.

The Optics Group at the University of Salamanca is located at the Faculty of Science; our expertise field is ultraintense lasers. Since 2003, we have a 0,5TW ultrashort pulsed laser and more recently, in 2007, a 20 TW CPA system was installed.

The CLPU is a national facility specialized in femtosecond laser pulses with peak powers at gigawatt, terawatt and petawatt levels. It has been created by a consortium formed by the Ministry of Science, the regional government and the university of Salamanca, as a part of the roadmap of the Spanish scientific infrastructures.

## Starting the chapter...



Oh, yes! I remember that day...It was in May when we had a meeting where we voted for officers, chose an advisor and propose ideas to start working. We are currently nine members.

## Money, money, money...

Uf, money... always an issue! For requesting funds, we were supported by the Optics Education Programme at the Uni and CLPU ; now we are on the process of applying for OSA grants.



## Our web page

In the web page you can find all the information about activities, events... as well as **educational resources** and a section of **career opportunities**

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## Activities

We organize **internal seminars and invited talks** in collaboration with the PhD and master programme

The web page is used to inform students about career opportunities (grants, courses...) and offer them educational resources. We also organize an annual seminar "Introduction to research in Optics"



As educational outreach initiative, we have developed a **blog**:  
blog  
<http://theopticsblog.blogspot.com>



## Plans for the future

For next year, we are planning meetings with other chapters, as well as educational activities (such as visits to the labs by high-school students) and a project for Laserfest.

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