

WP4B Meeting - November 17 – 19 / 2007

Sofia, Bulgaria

From 17 to 19 November the meeting of ELI Cite choice group (Solomon Saltiel , Sandro de Silvestri, Luis Roso, Rytis Butkus) was held at Sofia University, Bulgaria. The main goal of the meeting was preparation of template for application form for the call "ELI Cite choice".

During the meeting the ELI Project coordinators Gerard Mourou and Jean-Paul Chambaret had important discussions with the ELI team from Sofia University. The questions about the involvement of Sofia University team in ELI project were discussed. Gerard Mourou and Jean-Paul Chambaret together with the participants of ELI Cite choice group visited the new laser labs in Sofia University.

On November 19 Gérard Mourou (see related link bellow) gave lecture entitled "**The European Extreme Light Infrastructure: Ultra Relativistic Optics and Attosecond Physics**" in the Grand hall of Bulgarian Academy of Sciences. The lecture attracted a lot of scientists from universities of Sofia and from Bulgarian Academy of Sciences. G. Mourou answered many questions.

During the visit in Sofia the ELI delegation:

- met the President of Bulgarian Academy of Sciences (BAS) Nikolay Sabotinov, who also is leader of Cu-Br laser lab on Institute of Solid State Physics in BAS
- had meeting at Ministry of Education and Science (MON) with Vice Minister Mrs Dobрева and Director of the Department of Scientific research Mrs Albena Vucova
- had meeting with the Rector of Sofia University Ivan Ilchev, the Dean of Physics Department Dimitar Marvakov and Director of the office of international relations Rumens Grigorov.

During these meetings the future development of laser physics and technologies in Bulgaria was discussed. The commitments for support of ELI group in Sofia University was reconfirmed.



From left to right:: Luis Roso, Ivan Buchvarov, Ivan Christov, Nikolay Minkovski, Solomon Saltiel, Gerard Mourou, Sandro de Silvestri, Vesselina Saltiel, Jean Paul Chambaret, Stoyan Kourtev, Rytis Butkus, Ivan Lambrev.