



March 3, 2005

Prof. Alexander Kaplan  
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Dear Prof. Kaplan:

On behalf of the Optical Society of America (OSA), I am pleased to inform you of your selection by the Board of Directors as the 2005 recipient of the **Max Born Award**.

You are being recognized *for seminal contributions to nonlinear interface and optical bistability effects, hysteretic resonances of a single electron, and physics of sub-femtosecond pulses.*

This award honors Max Born, who made distinguished contributions to physics in general and to optics in particular. It was established in 1982, the centenary of Born's birth, and is endowed by the United Technologies Research Center. The award consists of a silver medal, a certificate, and \$1,500.

OSA's Awards and Medals are traditionally presented at the OSA Annual Meeting. This year's Annual Meeting, *Frontiers in Optics*, will be held in Tucson, Arizona, October 16-20. If there is another OSA-sponsored conference or meeting in 2005 that you plan to attend and which would be appropriate given the scope of your award, it may be possible to have your award presented there. Please let us know by March 21 if you think an alternate meeting would be appropriate and we will try to arrange a presentation. Please note that this may not be possible at all meetings.

Public announcements of this award will be made in the June issue of *Optics & Photonics News*, in a press release, and at the awards ceremony. Until April 1, we ask that you keep your award status confidential. Also, to assist us in announcement preparations, please return the enclosed **2005 OSA Awards Information Request form** to us by March 21, 2005.

Prof. Kaplan, please accept my personal congratulations on a well-deserved honor. I look forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "S. Houde-Walter".

Susan Houde-Walter  
OSA President

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