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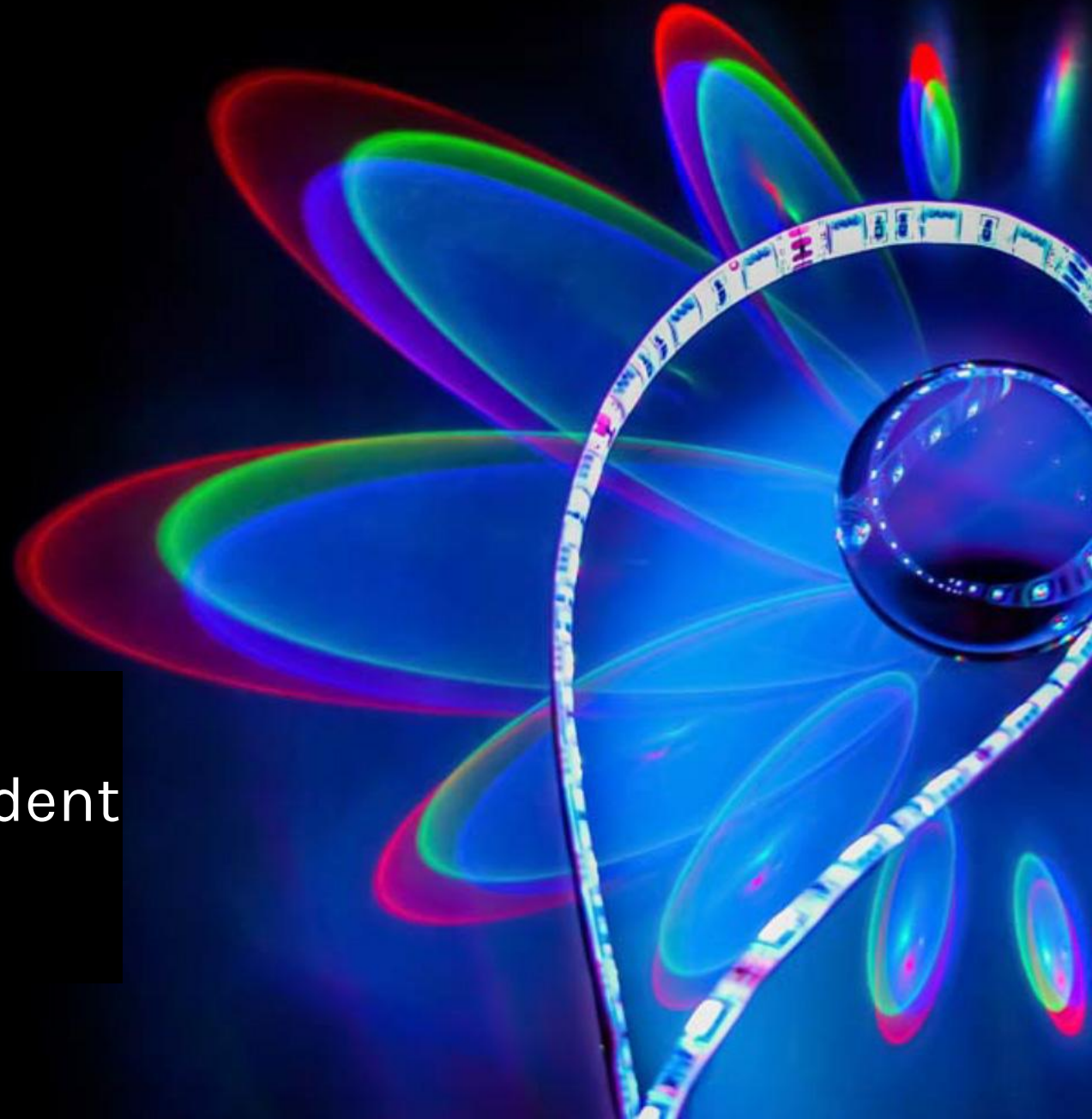
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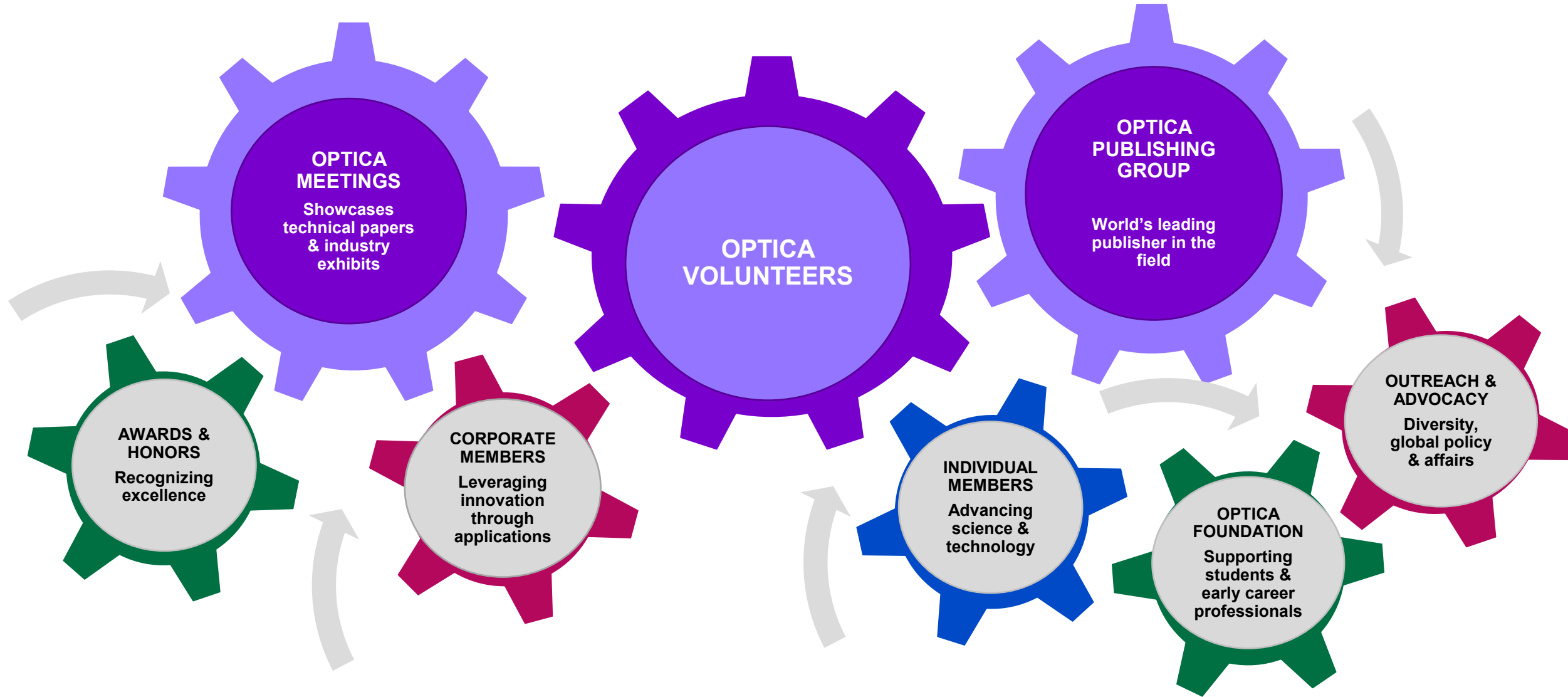


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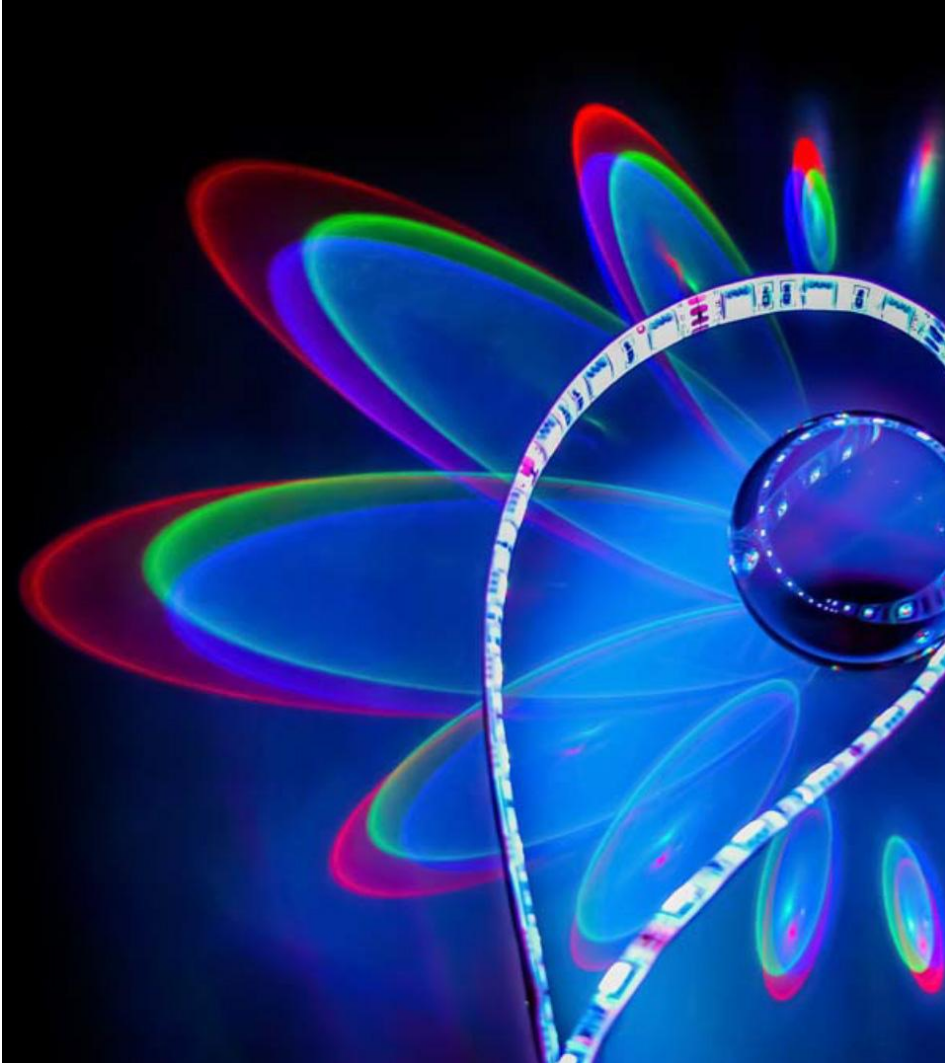
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17 Mar 2026, 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

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24 - 25 Mar 2026
Corning Museum of Glass
Corning, New York UNITED STATES

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Panel Discussion on AI in Optics R&D
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