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Lumentum Thought Leaders to Present at OFC 2026

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Michael Hurlston, CEO and Matt Sysak, CTO to participate in Optica Executive Forum

SAN JOSE, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Lumentum Holdings Inc. ("[Lumentum](#)") today announced its speaker line-up at the 2026 Optical Fiber Communication Conference and Exposition (OFC) in Los Angeles. Company executives and technical experts will share their perspectives on the optical communication market, including challenges and opportunities, and the technology shaping the future of AI data centers and optical networks. The event will be held from March 15–19 at the Los Angeles Convention Center. Visit Lumentum at booth #1439.

Optica Executive Forum

- [Fireside Chat with CTOs: Matt Sysak](#), 2:00–3:00 p.m.
- CEO Panel: **Michael Hurlston**, 3:30–4:30 p.m.
- Monday, March 16 at the JW Marriott Los Angeles, Platinum Ballroom

OFC Special Events

- [Scaling Networks for the AI Era: From Data Centers to Wide Area Networks](#)
 - **Michael DeMerchant**, Sr. Director, PLM, OCS
 - Monday, March 16 from 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. in Room 502A
- [IEEE Future Directions panel on The Network and System Implications of CPO/NPO/xPO and the New Photonics Ecosystem for AI/ML Interconnects](#)
 - Organized and moderated by **Loukas Paraschis**, VP, Business Development
 - Tuesday, March 17 from 10:30–11:30 a.m. in Expo Theater II
- [IOWN Global Forum's Vision for Future Open AI Networking: What Industry Collaboration Is Needed for Scalable AI Cluster Networks?](#)
 - **Michael DeMerchant**, Sr. Director, PLM, OCS
 - Tuesday, March 17 from 4:00–5:00 p.m. in Expo Theater II
- [Symposia: Next Generation Interconnects for AI Scale Up Systems](#)
 - **Matt Sysak**, CTO, Cloud and Networking

- Tuesday, March 17 from 4:30–6:30 p.m. in Room 515A
- Rump Session: From Short Hops to Long Hauls: Which Parts of the Fiber Spectrum Shall We Use, and Why?”
 - **Brian Kim**, Director, PLM, Switching
 - Tuesday, March 17 from 7:30-9:00 p.m. in Room 502A

OFC Workshops

- [Optical Networking for AI Datacenters](#)
 - **Peter Roorda**, General Manager, Switching
 - Sunday, March 15, 1:00–3:30 p.m. in Room 502B
- High-Speed EAMs and EMLs
 - **Ryosuke Hatai**, Sr. Laser Semiconductor Engineer
 - Tuesday, March 17, 4:30–6:30 p.m. in Room 515B

About Lumentum

Lumentum (NASDAQ: LITE) is a global leader in optical and photonic technologies that power the networks and infrastructure behind AI, cloud computing, and next-generation communications. Built on decades of photonics innovation, Lumentum delivers high-performance lasers, modules, and optical subsystems that enable scalable, energy-efficient data center connectivity, advanced telecom networks, industrial manufacturing, and sensing applications. Headquartered in San Jose, California, the company operates R&D, manufacturing, and sales facilities worldwide. Learn more at www.lumentum.com.

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