

Last February, at a ceremony in Trieste, Italy, **Robert Szipöcs** received the 2003 ICO/ICTP Award for his “outstanding contributions in the theory and design of chirped mirrors”; he developed those mirrors for femtosecond pulsed laser systems. He is a research fellow and head of the laboratory for ultrafast lasers and spectroscopy at the Research Institute for Solid State Physics and Optics of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences in Budapest. The award, given jointly by the Abdus Salam International Centre for Theoretical Physics and the International Commission for Optics, recognizes a researcher aged 40 or younger who has made contributions to the field of optics in a developing country.