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The AOMD-6 full papers published here will be useful for researchers, educators and engineers, as well as for students interested in recent developments of optical materials, photonic devices and their applications in industry and medicine.

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