

## Report on the Iberian-American Federation of Physical Societies (FEIASOFI)

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On a re-founding meeting held in Madrid from 20 to 22 September 2006, the former Latin-American Federation of Physical Societies has changed name to FEIASOFI and has created the first four Divisions:

Atomic, Molecular and Cluster Physics  
Condensed Matter  
**Education in Physics**  
Statistical and Nonlinear Physics.

It will have a permanent seat in Montevideo (Uruguay), with a second provisional seat in Madrid (Spain). The actual President is Prof. Gerardo Delgado (CSIC, Madrid).

It is a non-profit association aiming to promote physics and physicists in Iberoamerica by promoting and supporting scientific activities such as schools, workshops and conferences.

- The starting activity will be a **school in Medical Physics** in Guatemala in late 2007.
- FEIASOFI will also support programs such as *Science on Stage*, *New Talents in Physics* and the *Iberoamerican Physics Olympiad*.
- Its official journal "Revista Iberoamericana de Física", first published in Madrid in 2005, will be powered to two issues per year.

A collaboration with APS and EPS has been established.

Financial support for specific activities has been obtained in the past from Governmental Spanish Institutions such as CSIC, FECYT and private ones (BBVA). Support is expected from the "Agencia Española de Cooperación Internacional" (AECI), mostly focused on linguistic and cultural activities till now, by providing infrastructures for meetings and conferences namely buildings in Bolivia, Antigua (Guatemala) and Cartagena de Indias (Colombia), which are maintained by the Spanish Government.

Possible collaboration of IUPAP:

- Knowing and disseminating information on the FEIASOFI activities.
- Backing officially specific activities as a help to obtain funding.
- Direct financial help for specific activities  
(no proposals for this meeting).