

Report on the C13/IUPAP meeting, 25 August 2012, ICTP, Trieste, Italy

The meeting started at 9.30 am at ICTP.

The following members of the C13 commission were present:

Paulo Murilo Castro de Oliveira, Chair of the commission
Sandro Scandolo, Vice Chair of the commission
Ahmadou Wague, Secretary of the commission
GuiLu Long, member of the commission
Ulrich Platt, member of the commission
Dénes Lajos Nagy, member of the commission
Carmen Cisneros, member of the commission
Anatoly Dvurechensky, member of the commission
Dipali Chauhan, member of the commission
Sekazi Mtingwa, member of the commission
François Piuzzi, invited

During the meeting the following subjects have been discussed:

A. Presentations and discussions on conferences and schools related to Physics and Development

1. Presentation on the “First EPS conference on Physics and development”, scheduled for October 2012; presentation by François Piuzzi.
2. Informal report on the “Third African School and Workshop on X-Rays in Materials”, held in Senegal and supported by IUPAP; presentation by Ahmadou Wague.
3. Informal report on the “African School on Electronic Structure Methods and Applications 2012”, held in Kenya and supported by IUPAP; presentation by Sandro Scandolo.
4. “SPECTRA 2012”, held in Peru and supported by IUPAP; presentation by Paulo Murilo Castro de Oliveira.

The members of the commission, after fruitful discussions, gave positive appreciations to these different events.

B. Presentation, discussions classification and recommendations for future activities submitted to IUPAP for financial support

The Commission approved recommendations of financial support of IUPAP to the following activities:

1. "School on Topological Phases and Quantum Computation", from Vietnam;
2. "High Physics and Appropriate Solutions to Real Life Problems in Developing Countries (3rd edition)", from Cameroon;
3. "First North African School and Workshop on Electron Microscopy in Materials", from Tunisia;
4. "School on Medical Physics", to be organized as part of the "Latin American Symposium on Nuclear Physics and Applications", from Uruguay; in this order of priority (almost the same for the first three).

C. Report on regional organizations

1. Reports on "Program Mexico – Central America and the Caribbean for the Advancement of Science, Technology and Innovation CONACyT-ICTP-SMF", by Carmen Cisneros;
2. "Recent Progress in Association of Asia Pacific Physical Societies (AAPPS) and Asia Euro Physics Summit Activities (ASEPS)", by GuiLu Long.

D. Appointment of associated members

The commission approved appointments of Fernando Quevedo, Abdeslam Hoummada, Kennedy Reed and François Piuze as associated members.

E. Other Matters

1. Dénes Lajos Nagy points out that a high fraction of experimental data measured at large research infrastructures like synchrotrons, neutron sources and accelerators never results in publication and is finally lost for the scientific community. Should well-described raw or metadata be made public after a certain time, scientists in developing countries having little chance to do experiments at big facilities could benefit from them. Certainly the open access to raw or metadata can only be realised if their publishing will be acknowledged by the academia and by funding agencies, which is presently not the case. D.L. Nagy suggests that an IUPAP position paper may speed up this process. The commission agrees

- with the suggestion and asks the Chair to report on it during the IUPAP Council and Chairs Meeting scheduled for Rio de Janeiro in October 2012.
2. Ahmadou Wague reports about its UK visa negation to attend the IUPAP General Assembly, last year in London. All members agree to delegate the chair to report this episode during the already quoted Rio de Janeiro meeting. Moreover, an e-mail to be sent, now, to IUPAP president Cecilia Jarlskog (done).
 3. Ahmadou Wague reports also about the African Physical Society (AfPS) difficult financial situation and the commission approved that the letter of the President of the AfPS for Financial support to IUPAP will be supported by the C13 Commission during the IUPAP Council and Chairs Meeting in Rio de Janeiro.
 4. After discussion the next C13/IUPAP meeting was scheduled to 24 August 2013 also in ICTP, Trieste (or, alternatively, 17 August 2013).

End of the meeting at 5.30 pm.