

## Matters approved by the Executive Council by Email

### October 2015 – October 2016

**5 August 2016**

**The Council of the International Union of Pure and Applied Physics (IUPAP) expresses its concern at recent developments in Turkey**

*(Published on the IUPAP website, twitter and facebook; sent letter to the President of Turkey through the Turkish Ambassador in Australia; Sent letter via email to ICSU)*

The Council of the International Union of Pure and Applied Physics (IUPAP), noting the IUPAP Resolution on the Universality of Science, adopted in 2011, and Statute 5 (the Principle of Universality (freedom and responsibility) of Science) of the International Council of Science, to which IUPAP subscribes as a member of the International Council of Science, expresses its concern at recent developments in Turkey which run counter to these principles.

We respectfully encourage the President and Government of Turkey to move forward in ways which respect and sustain Turkish democracy and Turkish science. We, with many other scientific and academic organisations, are concerned that many academics and educators in Turkey have been dismissed or suspended in haste, and that overseas travel by academics was suspended and is now controlled.

Physics, and indeed all of science, is an activity which requires communication, consultation, and collaboration across borders. Without openness and international connections physicists are unable to contribute fully to their science or their own nation. The present restrictions are thus not in the best interests of Turkey. The IUPAP Council is pleased that academic travel restrictions have been eased, but strongly recommends that they be removed, that the broad sanctions against the academic community in Turkey be removed, and that the rule of law be applied as the authorities work against the coup movement.

The Council of IUPAP expresses its strong support of our Turkish colleagues, and the Turkish Physical Society. We note that the 32<sup>nd</sup> International Physics Congress of the Turkish Physical Society will be held in Bodrum from 6 to 9 September 2016, and we hope that it will be a successful meeting with a full complement of international participants.

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For the Executive Council of the International Union of Pure and Applied Physics

**14 August 2016**

IUPAP received requests that it be a lead applicant on two proposals, from

- *C13 Utilisation of Light Source and Crystallographic Sciences to Facilitate the Enhancement of Knowledge and Improve the Economic and Social Conditions in Targeted Regions of the World, with IUCr as co-lead applicant*
- *WG5 A Global Approach to the Gender Gap in Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics: how to measure it, how to reduce it, with IUPAC and IMU as co-lead applicants.*

The Council determined that IUPAP would be a lead applicant for the C13 proposal, and that it would be a supporting applicant for the Gender Gap proposal were it to be submitted by IUPAC and IMU,

which it was under a different title: *A Global Approach to the Gender Gap in Mathematical and Natural Sciences: How to Measure It, How to Reduce It?*

The IAU requested that we be a supporting applicant for a proposal titled *Science4Development* they were putting forward with IUHPST, and we agreed.

**17 August 2016**

The 2014 General Assembly minutes were approved by the Council and uploaded on to the IUPAP webpage.

**30 August 2016**

Two C8 conferences – 34<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Physics of Semiconductors (29/7 – 3/8/2018) and 35<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Physics of Semiconductors (8 – 14/8/2020) were endorsed via email by the Council.

**22 September 2016**

At its recent meeting, our WG10, the Astroparticle Physics International Committee, was advised that the inaugural Chair, Michel Spiro, wished to step down as Chair, and requested that Natalie Roe, the Director of the Physics Division of the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, be appointed as Chair.

The Council approved the appointment of Prof Natalie Roe as the new chair for WG10 - Astroparticle Physics International Committee (ApPIC).