

## Report on IUPAP Centenary

As discussed at previous meetings, the idea is to split work around the following activities:

1. The Centennial Symposium
2. Publicity material on the Centenary
3. Anniversary book reviewing the history of IUPAP
4. Satellite events elsewhere in the world

I will briefly review the ongoing work on the above four points.

**The Centennial Symposium.** This high-level event should ideally take place in the fall of 2022. The current idea is to organize the event at CERN. Our resources are modest, so it is seems essential to have the support from a large institution. Moreover, CERN has recently launched the Science Gateway, a new scientific education and outreach centre targeting the general public of all ages, see <https://home.cern/resources/image/cern/cern-science-gateway> . This new futuristic building, entirely funded through external donations, will be designed by world-renowned architect Renzo Piano. The idea is to inaugurate it with the IUPAP celebrations as well as with events related to the International Year of Basic Sciences for Developments (IYBSD). This would greatly amplify the impact of our event. At the same time, having such a target is also useful for CERN. If, for any reason, the construction turned out to be late, a fallback solution could be to organize a symbolic event at the Palais de Nations and then use other facilities such as the Geneva's International Conference Center (CICG).

Contacts were also established with the “Fondation H .Dudley Wright” in Geneva, see <http://www.hdwright.org/index.php/en/> , which organizes the Wright Colloquium for Science every other year. They have consolidated experience, a solid budget and are ready to join forces in 2022.

**Publicity Material on the Centenary.** Quite a bit of work was invested in the production of publicity material: posters, leaflets describing the activities of the commissions, IUPAP power point presentations and possible logos for the Centenary. Several people were involved in this task including a professional graphic designer from World Scientific. The material developed so far will be shown at the C&CC meeting in London. We have created a dropbox repository in which all this material is stored to be able to work on it together.

**Anniversary book reviewing the history of IUPAP.** It is not at all clear that we will have sufficient resources to produce such a book. We established contact with a historian at the Max Planck Institute for the History of Science (MPIWG) in Berlin, Dr Roberto Lalli, who wrote an article on the foundation of EPS. However, he is currently working on a project on the history of exoplanets, which is paid by a third-party funding body, and has little time for anything else. His applications for funding to perform research on the history of international scientific organizations, which includes the history of IUPAP, were not successful.

However, the idea is to take the opportunity of the Centenary to at least put some order in the IUPAP archives. We have already included a lot of electronic documents in the dropbox repository and we intend to scan the remaining ones. However, all this material still needs to be catalogued and organized.

**Satellite events elsewhere** in the world. Local events promoted under the ‘IUPAP Centenary brand’ are warmly encouraged: they will only happen if people take the initiative! We also plan to use IUPAP-sponsored conferences as vehicles to celebrate the Centenary and the IYBSD, e.g. having dedicated plenary talks.

For your information, the International Astronomical Union (IAU) and the IUPAC are both celebrating their centenary this year. You may be interested to browse in <https://www.iau-100.org> to see what the IAU have organized.