

## **IUPAP C17 Activities 2010/11**

At the Chicago council meeting C17 made a proposal that it be re-named as Quantum Electronics & Photonics or Laser Physics & Photonics or simply Photonics. It is expected that this proposal will be processed for discussion within IUPAP for final resolution at the IUPAP Congress in 2011.

It is underlined that this change is seen as an important symbolic means for developing the activities of C17. Specifically it is hoped that such a change may enable C17 to become associated with an appropriate major conference. It is recalled that its present natural flagship conference (the OSA/IEEE International Quantum Electronics Conference) does not meet IUPAP criteria for support.

A disconcerting consequence of the lack of such a forum for its activities is that C17 remains alone amongst IUPAP Commissions in never having awarded a Young Scientist prize. Developing a mechanism for awarding a Young Scientist prize is a key challenge for C17.

Apart from those issues, C17 is grateful to the Chicago Council for approving support for two conferences:

"LAM 9 INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP, EBASI 7 CONFERENCE, NSBP MEETING ON OPTICS AND LASERS IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT" as a category D conference with a grant allocation of € 7,000.

"RIO DE LA PLATA WORKSHOP ON LASER DYNAMICS AND NONLINEAR PHOTONICS" as a category B conference with a grant allocation of € 6,000.

These represent the first activities of C17 for some years.

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