International Commission on Physics Education (C14) activity report (May-Sept. 2015)

1. Conference

International Conference on Physics Education (ICPE 2015) had been held on August 10-14, in Beijing, China. The conference was supported by IUPAP and C14. The conference was very successful. More than 300 scientists attended the conference, including about 90 people from outside China.

2. Annual ICPE face-to-face meeting

The annual ICPE commission meeting was held on August 14, 2015, i.e. immediately after the closing of the ICPE 2015 conference in Beijing. Some important agenda discussed were:

1) Future conferences

WCPE 2016:

The planned 2016 conference supported by IUPAP and C14 is "2nd World Conference on Physics Education (WCPE)" 2016, July 10-16, São Paulo, Brazil. Conference website is: <u>http://wcpe2016.org/en/</u> IUPAP sponsorship has been requested.

GIREP-ICPE-EPEC 2017:

C14 approved unanimously to the proposal from Marisa Michelini, the president of GIREP (Groupe International de Recherche sur l'Enseignement de la Physique) to jointly organize, with EPEC (European Physical Society - Physics Education Division), 2017 international conference on physics education. The location will be Dublin, Ireland. IUPAP sponsorship for the conference will be submitted.

2) Election of New Associate Members

C14 approved unanimously to invite Manjula Sharma from the University of Sydney in Australia for an Associate Member of C14 with the specific role of editing the Newsletter.

3) ICPE Newsletter

We will restart to publish ICPE Newsletter soon after we have a new editor. C14 approved unanimously to discontinue making printed version of the newsletters.

3) ICPE Medal

We have been continuously doing efforts for resolving "the ICPE Medal using-up" problem.

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