

# IPS ANNUAL MEETING 2005

## President's report

1. We are a legal amuta with Rasham Amutot and working on tax-free status.
2. Last year I stated my first aim as involving michlalot. Thanks, Eli, Nathan and Cezar - IPS2005 was fantastic, Cezar has done a terrific job as secretary and I think this worked. My second aim was to help the Olympiad and that's something to continue with this year. I would also like to increase participation of women.
3. There have been severe continuity problems each time the executive changes. We now have some cupboards in Rm 615 Physics Technion for archiving IPS material (IPS repository) so we will hopefully not again have a mess with changeover of executive accompanied by lost papers needed urgently for Rasham Amutot. Keys with me and Liz.
4. Nathan Netzer has now taken over as treasurer from Raoul Weil. Thanks Raoul for all the hard work.
5. Unfortunately, owing to our terrible financial situation we had to discontinue support for Physica Plus, which was doing very well scientifically but not getting any significant sponsorship. I hope once the tax-free issue is settled, we can collect money and resume Physics Plus.
6. Some notes from the EPS Council Meeting, July 7-8th 2005

This was a very interesting meeting and has made me feel rather good about our IPS in Israel.

\* all the small countries (and some larger ones like France) e.g. Denmark have similar problems to Israel with membership of their national physics societies. The ones that have lots of members like Germany have only 4 percent or so Phd physicists the big numbers are students and physics teachers. (They have more industrial physicists than we do however - one place to increase our membership here!)

\* I went to this meeting with the aim of raising the profile of Israel within the EPS. We are not there yet but it seems to me to be done best by many of us becoming individual members of the EPS so we can all join the relevant division and then will be able to request spots on the boards of the divisions and then bring some EPS meetings to Israel. (I have been invited to join the board of the

Computational Physics division once I am an individual member of the EPS, and we have been asked to make contributions to the upcoming Condensed Matter division meeting.)

Europhysics letters

1. Naftali Auerbach on board
2. Israel submissions OK, acceptance rate OK
3. has weak web interface, lousy subscription record
4. should be no other European Letters Journal

EuroPhysicsNews - requests us to send news to Claude.Sebenne@jussieu.fr.

Gender Equality Report - written copy in Meeting Book - Britain has an interesting scheme for female Phds trying to get back to full-time work after a child-rearing break and also after perhaps moving around following husbands.. I will propose this to the Science Ministry in a modified form, since Israelis tend to have children earlier in their professional life.

Fellows of EPS - all nominations criteria - proposed by one or several member bodies - 3 to 10 supporting letters - as a rule have to be individual members for 5 years. one was not as teachers previously could not be members.

We need to get Israelis to start joining EPS so we can become EPS fellows.

Seminar of increasing membership -

\*Lithuanian rep - gave lots of statistics - complains that people from poor countries pay like people of rich countries. Executive response - if amount exceeds 30 percent of fee to physical society special arrangements can be made. Lithuania 3 euro membership in physical society

\*Finnish rep - 1100 members - very nice (5 million population) almost 100 percent of university teachers. Discussed age distribution - they have young executive. proposed discussing age equality as well as gender equality. have local magazine every two months. Give young members free membership for the first year so they keep paying afterwards.

\*German Physical Society - also give students one year free membership (most of their members are students, professors only 4.3 percent of the membership, 11 percent female.)

All details of EPS meeting at <http://phjoan23.technion.ac.il/phr76ja/EPS>