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Director's Matters

Guest column by Catherine O'Riordan, Vice-President, Physics Resources



Guidance for community programs

Hearing from the communities that we serve is vital to creating and maintaining relevant and responsive programs at AIP. Over 50 volunteers came together on February 27 - March 1 to participate in annual face-to-face advisory committee meetings. These volunteers serve on individual committees to advise AIP programs in government relations, media relations, education, statistical research, history, the Career Network, and *Physics Today*. The chairs of all of these committees report to an umbrella committee, the Physics Resources Policy Committee, whose job it is to review all of the AIP programs and make recommendations to the AIP Governing Board. AIP depends upon the essential feedback from these committees to continually improve our programs and services.



Volunteers and staff from the Career Network Advisory Committee.

The committee chairs came together at the Physics Resources Policy Committee (PRPC) meeting on March 1, to present their committee's recommendations, discussing them in detail with members of the PRPC. The process gives the chairs a great opportunity to see what is happening in other program areas and to get input from many perspectives.

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Inside Science's Winter Olympics coverage picks up speed

Science lessons can be drawn from all matters of sports. Last month, Inside Science's senior editor Chris Gorski wrote three pieces on the science related to the Winter Olympic Games in Sochi, Russia. The two stories for Inside Science News Service explained the [impact of air resistance \(and elevation\) in speed skating](#) and [why endurance racers in winter sports are able to recover more quickly than runners in summer sports](#). Both stories ran in full on the websites of [Scientific American](#) and [LiveScience](#).



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Volunteer Russian translators needed!



Do you read Russian and want to put your skills to good use? The Niels Bohr Library and Archives (NBL&A) needs your help! We have a backlog of Russian language physics texts that require cataloging before we can add them to our collection. As a first step we need authoritative translations of the bibliographic information (author, title, etc.).

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Coming Up

March 15 - 18

- AAPM Spring Clinical Meeting (Denver, CO)

March 20

- ACP brown bag lunch on social media, 12 pm in Conference Room B. (College Park)
This instructive lunch has limited seating. If you'd like to attend, RSVP to pguinnes@ajp.org.

March 26

- AIP Executive Committee meeting (College Park)
- Audit Committee meeting (College Park)

March 27

- Assembly of Society Officers (College Park)

March 28

- AIP Governing Board meeting (College Park)

March 30 - April 1

- 2nd AIP Conference for Early-Career Historians of Science (College Park)

March 31

- Lyne S. Trimble Public Lecture. "The Guiding Hand of History: Ernst Mach on the Past and Future of Physics," 7:00 pm (College Park)

April 1 - 2

- AIP senior staff retreat (Annapolis, MD)

April 5 - 8

- APS April Meeting (Savannah, GA)

April 9

- April birthday socials (College Park and Melville)