Director's Matters

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Density Fluctuations opens at ACP

Many in the science community have a strong appreciation for art, and many artists are inspired by the wonders of science. The biannual art exhibitions that are hosted at the American Center for Physics (ACP) express this symbiotic relationship. On October 14, the ACP community welcomed Art Curator Sarah Tanguy and three talented artists for the opening of ACP's 35th Art Exhibit, *Density Fluctuations*.

In Tanguy’s words: Central to Shanthi Chandrasekar’s paintings, Stephen Schiff’s photographs, and Ellyn Weiss’ sculptures and small mixed media work is the concept of metamorphosis. With inspirations from nature, architecture, cellular biology, Hinduism, and even the cosmos, the three artists share an interest in probing underlying patterns whose shifts and permutations create eye-dazzling puzzles. Full of energy and surprise, their works stir the imagination on a transcendent journey of discovery.

Painter Shanthi Chandrasekar happily admitted that exhibiting her work in a physics building has been a life-long dream. She grew up in a community of scientists who worked at a laboratory associated with India’s Department of Atomic Energy, and has degrees in both physics and psychology. Chandrasekar also studied Sanskrit, a liturgical and philosophical language of Hinduism, because of its deep connections to science and nature; this influence appears in several of her works.

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Physics Resources Matters

The November 2014 election and representation for science

The November 2014 elections brought an end to the political tenure of two strong supporters of science: Reps. Frank Wolf (R-VA) and Rush Holt (D-NJ), neither of
whom were seeking re-election. Wolf, a solid ally of the scientists who receive funding from the National Science Foundation, helped secure increases for the agency during a challenging appropriations process this year and for the last decade. Holt has worked diligently to support research during his time in Congress. On the Senate side, Senator Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) will assume the position of Chairman of the Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

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Annual AIP sales and marketing meeting

Earlier this fall, sales professionals from AIP and AIP Publishing gathered in Linthicum, MD for an annual sales and marketing meeting. Representatives from Physics Today magazine, Physics Today Jobs, GradSchoolShopper and AIP Publishing journal ad sales met for two days of learning, sharing, and comradery. Phil Schewe presented Wednesday’s opening session, “Science as an Endless Frontier: What’s at the Frontier Right Now?” This plenary session enabled non-scientists to see how physics is part of our daily lives. This was followed by several hours of sales training and strategies for specific product sales.

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Around AIP

ACP annual food drive

The ACP Events Committee invites you to participate in our annual food drive through November 19. The food collected will go to the food pantry at Saint Bernard’s Church in Riverdale, MD. Staff are encouraged to bring non-perishable canned and dry food to the collection box located in the reception area.

Coming Up

November 9-14
AVS 61st International Symposium & Exhibition (Baltimore, MD)

November 12

- AIP and AIP Publishing Birthday Celebration (College Park and Melville)

November 13-16

- Physics and Astronomy New Faculty Workshop (College Park)

Through November 14

- Open Enrollment period for AIP employees

Through November 19

- ACP Food Drive

November 18

- ACP Dessertfest (College Park)

November 19-20

- AIP Publishing Board of Managers Meeting (New York, NY)

November 27-28

- AIP (College Park) and AIP Publishing (Melville) offices closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

November 30-December 5

- RSNA Annual Meeting (Chicago, IL)