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Director's Matters

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Building CHORUS note by note

Collaborations between organizations are built by a series of small steps. These relationships work best when the parties work together on a sequence of joint activities that help build trust and understanding of each party's perspective. Starting out with relatively simple and defined tasks and then moving on to more complex elements helps the collaboration grow in strength and confidence.

When one partner organization is a major federal agency with a 60+ year legacy of funding and promoting science and the other partner is a small, nonprofit start-up with big ambitions, the need for a step-by-step engagement becomes even more important. Such is the backdrop for last Monday's (April 20) announcement of the signing of the Participation Agreement between the Department of Energy (DOE) and the CHORUS organization—a budding member organization of publishers and publishing services providers whose mission is to develop and implement pragmatic methods for providing access to scholarly articles that report on publically funded research.

Read more.

Physics Resources Matters

Striving to improve K-12 science education

The Elementary and Secondary Education Act, also known as No Child Left Behind, is again up for reauthorization, and AIP government relations has worked with the other societies in the federation to suggest language to insert in the bill. The Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions has held bipartisan conversations about each section of the bill, and AIP organized meetings with Senate staff to discuss our interest in sections of the bill which would benefit physics education.

Read more.
Career Network thanks physics department chairs

Career Network thanked all North American physics and astronomy department chairs, for posting jobs on Physics Today Jobs and drew attention to the site's benefits for students. Read more.

Around AIP

ACP FAQs

A new section covering frequently asked questions about daily working life at the American Center for Physics is available on the acp.org site.

Included are answers to questions like the following:

- Need a replacement ID badge or a new parking sticker?
- Want to start using the Fitness Center?
- Holding a meeting in one of the Conference Rooms?

Visit: http://acp.org/faq, or click on “Information for staff at ACP” in the upper-right corner of the site.

Coming Up

May 5

- AIP Cinco de Mayo Social (College Park)

May 6

- ACP Blood Drive, 10 am-3 pm (College Park)

May 10-15

- CLEO 2015 (San Jose, CA)

May 13

- Birthday celebrations (College Park and Melville)

May 14

- AIP Publishing Board of Managers meeting (Melville)

May 18-22

- ASA 169th Meeting (Pittsburgh, PA)

May 19
AIP Publishing 1-year anniversary celebration of its new Melville office (Melville)