



INSTITUTE OF
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PHYSICS

IPP AGM 2026 Directors Report

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Outline

- Institute activities and updates
 - CERN Program
 - New Members
 - LRP Brief
 - Retirement
 - Budget
 - New initiatives
- New Council
- Discussion

Roger Moore

- The Institute was deeply impacted by the loss of friend, colleague and treasurer Roger Moore in October 2025
- In the short time he served as IPP treasurer he helped the Organization in countless ways and his loss will be felt for a long time



IPP officers

- Ken Clark gratefully offered to step into the role as IPP treasurer and Adam Ritz once again stepped in to train Ken in all things IPP. Many thanks to both of you!



- Alex Wright continues to serve as IPP secretary

IPP CERN program

- Winning students:

Camille	Gillespie	McMaster
Anna	Harms	Winnipeg
Philippe	Joly	McGill
Madison	Levagood	UBC
Gabriel	MacDonald	UofA
Taiki	Schickele	UBC

New Members

Marcela Carena (Theorist, PI)

Noah Yazdandoost (Experimentalist, TRIUMF)

Dominique Trischuk (Experimentalist, Victoria)

Freddy Cachazo (Theorist, PI)

Sabrina Pasterski (Theorist, PI)

Michela Lai (Experimentalist, Queen's)

Tom Blake (Experimentalist, Victoria)

Welcome!

Council

- Maximilian Swiatlowski (TRIUMF, 2028)
- Richard Teuscher (IPP/Toronto, 2028)
- Aaron Vincent (Queen's, 2027)
- Yue Zhang (Carleton, 2027)

- Matthias Danninger (SFU, 2026)
- Razvan Gornea (Carleton, 2026)

Many thanks for your time
and your contributions!

Council 2026

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- Richard Teuscher (IPP/Toronto, 2028)
- Aaron Vincent (Queen's, 2027)
- Yue Zhang (Carleton, 2027)
- Thomas Koffas (Carleton, 2029)
- Xiaoyue Li (TRIUMF, 2029)

Many thanks to
Keshav Dasgupta for
volunteering for a
council position

Congratulations!

LRP - Council work

- We received a lot of community input for the IPP brief. Many thanks for all the efforts that went into preparing the project submissions
- The brief was submitted to the LRP after several additional changes were made based on feedback received after the town hall
- Many thanks to everyone in the community contributing to this
- I would like to thank all council members for contributing to the brief - this is a difficult and often thankless task

François Corriveau

- As of April 1 2026 François has officially retired
- His many, many students and the community at large have benefitted greatly from his efforts to advance Canadian physics on the international stage and from his leadership in detector development, outreach and his expertise in calorimetric detectors, among many other highlights of his career
- I express my gratitude to François for his outstanding service to the IPP and the community

Program Review

- The institute's financial situation is strained by the fact that the grant is flat, RS salaries are falling behind university contracts, travel to CERN for the IPP CERn students is getting more expensive and the transition from UVic to Queen's as host institution is not fully cost neutral to us.
- The board and council have identified several possible paths forward for the IPP, but any change we make is very impactful and needs to be fully vetted by our members.
- We are embarking on a comprehensive Program Review, standing up an international review committee
- Decisions about the next (hiring or bylaw evolution steps, ...) will only be taken after the review is complete

Program Review

- Goals:
 - Ensure that IPP is continuing to deliver optimal value for the investment
 - Gather ideas how to improve the impact of the Institute
 - Gather feedback and hopefully endorsements to improve our case for the next grant application to NSERC (2030), application in 2029
 - Ideally, some new ideas can already be implemented before the application



New Opportunities: Outreach



- Many IPP members are active in outreach
- A role the IPP could expand is the coordination of outreach materials and ideas to enhance the impact individuals are putting into their outreach activities
- Sharing of materials, ideas, approaches and the creation of a national forum would allow particle physics to become more visible
- We are hoping to create an outreach committee going forward



Theory PDF Fellowships



- Council has identified the IPP PDF Fellowship program that we used to operate as a unique strength that addresses an urgent need in the community.
- There haven't been any funds available in the past years, with recent changes in the fiscal makeup of our expenses, we are aiming to bring back the IPP Theory postdoctoral fellowship award.
- Input (how to implement, what to offer to maximize impact, how and when to select candidates) is going to be solicited.



Fundraising



- The IPP is a not for profit organization that can issue donation receipts for tax purposes
- We have no active fundraising activity - this is a significant gap in our activities
- I would like to assemble a small group to develop a fundraising strategy and initiate a fundraising committee going forward
- We need to be mindful that our member universities are going for the same pool of potential donors

Computing

- As discussed in the LRP report, the Alliance is both an upgrade and a downgrade for our community
- We are hoping to engage the Alliance leadership in high level discussions about our needs
- A group of the top users of computing in the community has been identified to lead this effort. Volunteers here are highly welcome

Discussion

- What are the pressing questions that need to enter the LRP process?
 - How does the limited timeline for CFI IF projects impact our projects?
- Are there things to take into account for the IPP MRS grant request this fall?
- How can we help evolve the community?
- *If you are interested/able to contribute with outreach or fundraising, please contact director@ipp.ca or a council member.*