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Professor Silvina Ponce Dawson
President
International Union of Pure and Applied Physics

Dear President Ponce Dawson,

I am writing to inform you that, effective immediately, the American Physical Society (APS) will assume the role of the United States' adhering body to the International Union of Pure and Applied Physics (IUPAP), succeeding the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) in this capacity.

APS is honored to take on this responsibility and to continue the United States' longstanding engagement with IUPAP. We are deeply appreciative of the NAS's many years of service to the Union and are committed to building on that strong foundation.

International scientific collaboration is essential to the advancement of physics, and IUPAP provides an important forum for physicists around the world to work together across national boundaries. APS looks forward to furthering IUPAP's mission and will work closely with the U.S. Liaison Committee to coordinate U.S. engagement with the Union and to ensure that the perspectives of the U.S. physics community are well represented.

We are grateful for the welcome and cooperation that IUPAP has extended to APS during this transition. We look forward to working with you and your colleagues and to strengthening the U.S.–IUPAP relationship in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

Jonathan A. Bagger
Chief Executive Officer
American Physical Society

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