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Application to become an IUPAP Affiliated Commission

Dear Prof. Michel Spiro and the IUPAP Secretariat,

Considering the many common aims and convergence of activities between IAPS and IUPAP,

Considering the interest already shown by both parties throughout the past few years,

Considering that IUPAP can help IAPS to become more international and to increase its credibility and attractiveness through various ways including in reaching out to students in many countries where IAPS currently has no presence and the collaboration with IUPAP Commission on Physics Education (C14),

Considering the express and unanimous vote of IAPS member committees present in the 2020 Annual General Meeting held online on August 22nd, to which Prof. Spiro was invited and attended,

IAPS applies and wishes to become an IUPAP Affiliated Commission of Physics Students, keeping its independence but wishing to participate in IUPAP activities, when relevant, and wishing to have the support of IUPAP for some of its actions. These include most importantly growing our student community and providing our students with more opportunities for networking, for connecting to the reality of the physics community and for developing their academic and professional skills. In addition, we believe this will enable us to further develop a focus on outreach and advocacy efforts to both promote physics to the general public and to make sure we preserve our principles as a diverse organisation open to the participation of physics students of all backgrounds, in full alignment with the principles of the scientific community.

IAPS, having a long tradition of inviting associations with whom we collaborate to our flagship events, will invite IUPAP representatives to Delegate Councils or Executive Committee meetings, when relevant, and to its Annual General Meeting, possibly along with some major events like ICPS and PLANCKS. Therefore, we also expect to be invited to the IUPAP Council and Commission Chairs meetings and General Assemblies, thus establishing strong links between the two parties. With this, we can build and maintain a fundamental collaboration both for the physics community that IUPAP represents, and for the community of physics students that IAPS has been developing for over 30 years. Over this time our community has grown yet more international in character, a process we can hope to accelerate through working closely together with IUPAP.



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IAPS, as an IUPAP Affiliated Commission of Physics Students, will assist the Union where possible in our common goals of promoting the important work done by physicists to current and future generations and advocating for the opportunities and freedoms needed to do their work. We will serve as a bridge between the working researchers of the present who are IUPAP's members, and the students in every field of physics around the world who, being IAPS' members today, may well be IUPAP's contributors tomorrow. We hope by continuing to work closely with IUPAP that the aims of students and researchers in physics will remain aligned and that IUPAP's work will benefit from the input of IAPS' student members.

IAPS is looking forward to hearing back from IUPAP, to hopefully be accepted as an Affiliated Commission and for our collaboration to grow.

Yours sincerely, on behalf of the International Association of Physics Students,

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