

terest is to pass the examinations, not to try to learn because it is interesting.

### Conclusion

It was extremely interesting to work in Turkey, and to learn on one's own a little about the conditions for physics, and also in general, in a less developed country. I had hoped to achieve more than I did, but I hope that I have achieved something.

In my own view the teaching of physics would greatly benefit from teachers from the less developed parts going to a developed country to teach instead of, as people do now, to undertake research, the majority taking no part in any teaching, at least at the undergraduate level. In my own department, I have found that foreign visitors never concern themselves with physics courses. I think also it is good for physics in general if at the undergraduate level the teaching makes the subject challenging and fun — especially for those who will not continue in the subject, like engineers.

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It is evident that the range of concessions varies greatly, the extremes being no student membership and membership with all fees waived. Similarly the conditions for student membership differ widely from being self-announced to the setting of a maximum age or period in the category.

EPS has thus no real consensus practice that it can regard as a general precedent and will need to consider from first principles whether it wishes to pursue the idea at all and, if so, what benefits should be given and how students should be defined.

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