Extensive Collaboration on Large-Scale Projects

A Joint Appeal by the Presidents of The American Physical Society (APS) and the European Physical Society (EPS)

As a result of a joint meeting of the Presidents and other executives of the EPS and the APS in Budapest on 25-27 May 1992, we jointly issue the following appeal:

Physics research relies more and more on important large facilities or big instruments, each serving a large number of users. These tools are often required in research pursuits that strive to extend the limits of our knowledge.

The size, complexity and cost of these facilities, and the growing number of users which each of them serves, calls for increasing international collaboration. We believe that more cooperation and even collaboration should be sought.

Therefore, the APS and EPS urge that international collaboration in the choice, design, construction, exploitation, and possibly even in the site selection, of future very large physics facilities should be developed to the fullest extent possible in order to use the funds for research in the most cost-effective way.

A collaboration procedure, which is becoming a requirement for even medium-scale projects in Europe, should include the United States for very large projects. Eventually, such collaborations should extend to the whole industrialized world.

Both societies stand ready to offer assistance in the organization of forums, workshops, topical conferences, and communications through their respective Divisions, publications and networks. They will pool their information and act in concert whenever appropriate.

In addition, the two societies will make all effort so that access to large facilities is open, for all qualified users, irrespective of their geographical origin.

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Condensed Matter Division Board

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Members of the EPS Condensed Matter Division are invited to submit by the end of September, 1992, the names of candidates for election to the Divisional Board. The names should be sent to G. Thomas, the Executive Secretary, at the EPS Secretariat, Nádor u. 7, H-1051 Budapest.

Three supporting signatures of Individual Members of EPS are required as well as the written agreement of the candidate that he or she is willing to serve. The term of office is three years and re-election for a second period is allowed. The Board includes the Section Committee chairmen and five members are elected by members of the Division. Four of the Board will shortly complete their terms of office (E. Hilflrich, V. Smid, J.B. Sousa, and M. Surma) and have served for two successive three-year terms so cannot stand for re-election. J. Devreese (Antwerp) is willing to be a candidate for a second term.

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