

electronically using the Standard Generalised Markup Language (SGML). The work led to the adoption last year by the International Standards Organization of the **ISO 12083** maths and physics DTD which has been taken up very vigorously by US publishers. P.G. Boswell, the Committee's Secretary, reported to Council on behalf of F. Laloë, the Chairman, that European physics publishers agreed at the Committee's *Electronic Publishing in Physics* workshop (Paris, 2-3 March 1995) to accept ISO 12083 tagged texts while maintaining in-house DTDs. The next step possibly lies in enhancing the mathematics part of the DTD so the committee is being enlarged accordingly. Another aspect is publishing via Internet's rapidly growing World-Wide Web (WWW) which uses texts tagged according to the Hyper-Text Markup Language (HTML) using a simple DTD. HTML and its DTDs are approaching SGML in complexity to cater for, amongst other things, mathematics. So it is important to participate in the development of HTML and to ensure that the international WWW initiative caters for physicists' needs. The Secretary was able to report that the project leader of WEB-CORE (the European arm of the initiative) had agreed to join the committee.

The committee has collaborated in surveys of journal requirements in the former Soviet Union (FSU) and in east and central Europe (E&CE). This resulted in a 600 kECU **Journals for the FSU** programme for 1994-5 funded by the INTAS association. A. Landesman, who coordinates the programme, has reported that over 450 subscriptions are being sent, and a survey has revealed that most journals are reaching their intended destinations. A possibility to extend the programme is being followed up. In the meantime, the Committee is promoting **journal exchanges** as they represent a valuable means for the region to obtain literature.

The Committee attributes the designation **Recognized Journal** to improve and maintain the quality of physics journals. A second evaluation round for the next five-year period resulted in 53 titles being recognized from among an increased number of applications. The scheme has certainly helped in stimulating journals from E&CE to become more attractive.

With regard to EPS publications, the Committee is pleased to hear that L. Samuelsson from Linköping, the Editor of the *European Journal of Physics* who took over in January 1995, intends to invigorate the journal (which is published by the Institute of Physics Publishing on behalf of EPS). A first step will be to make new appointments to the Editorial Board. J. Hoogenboom, who chairs the Management Board of *Europhysics Letters* (which is published under EPS editorial responsibility in partnership with 16 national societies), re-

ported that the journal plans to go on-line in January 1996. Meanwhile, titles and abstracts will be available as from 1 July 1995 on the Editions de Physique WWW server (<http://WWW.edf.fr/EPL>). Finally, P.G. Boswell will prepare proposals for further developing the Society's electronic information services, notably World-Wide Web file servers.

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## NOMINATIONS & PROPOSALS

The Executive Committee will be contacting national member societies to seek:

- Nominations for **Honorary Members** to be announced at the EPS General Meeting which will be held during the EPS-10 General Conference (Sevilla; 9-13 September 1996). Council can award honorary membership in recognition of outstanding contributions to physics to up to 50 people (there are presently 13 Honorary Members).
- Proposals for appointments to the **Editorial Board** of *Europhysics News* (Divisions and Interdivisional Groups will also be contacted). The bulletin is now sent to full members and students belonging to all national societies except those in the UK and Germany (which receive the *Information to EPS Members* section for publication). The EPS Executive Committee wishes to extend editorial coverage to reflect this change.
- Proposals for possible locations in a European Union Member State of the **EPS Secretariat**. Proposals should indicate salary levels, available space and infrastructure, access to electronic networks, and travel costs.

## DECISIONS - The Executive Committee and Council made the following decisions at their meetings in Bad Honnef on 24-25 March 1995.

### Executive Committee

- East-West:** - To hold an annual meeting with the representatives of national physical societies from East and Central Europe, the former Soviet Union and the surrounding regions.
- To end the East-West Coordination Committee; N. Króó is nominated to establish initiatives.
  - To maintain contact with the American Physical Society's Committee on International Scientific Affairs by correspondence.
- EUPRO:** To nominate M.J. van der Wiel to replace C. van der Leun as the EPS representative to the European Union of Physics Research Organizations.
- Professional Qualifications:** To appoint D.A. Jefferies to the Register Commission as a non-voting Coordinator.
- European Mobility Scheme for Physics Students:** To accept three participating institutions.
- EPS-10:** That the President should write to funding agencies encouraging them to support attendance by young people at the EPS-10 General Conference.
- Electronic services:** That P.G. Boswell report in June on proposals for information services.
- Secretariat:** To report in June on the possible alternative locations for the EPS Secretariat.

### Council

- Constitution & By-laws:** To accept the changes published in *Europhys. News* 25 (1994) 190.
- New Members:** To accept as members the Latvian Physical Society and the Society of Physicists of the Republic of Macedonia located in the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. To accept 17 Category (4a), 151 (4c) and 9 (4d) members.
- Divisions/Groups:** To transform the Action Committee for Applied Physics and Physics in Industry into an Interdivisional Group.
- Auditors:** That the Auditors be asked to furnish the audited accounts for 1994 by 1 May 1995. That audited accounts for each year, together with the usual management advice, be received by Council in the following year.
- Membership Fees:** That annual membership fees for a given year be received by 1 April, or in special cases upon notifying the Secretary General by 1 June. That in the event of non-compliance, Council must be notified so as to avoid automatic exclusion.
- Budget:** To approve the proposed budget for 1995 seeking a surplus of about 47 kSFR, where it is assumed that national society subscriptions follow the agreed formula. That the Executive Committee report to the next Council on ways to find additional income without specifying the source.
- Europhysics News:** To endorse an agreement with Springer-Verlag GmbH & Co. K.G. that can last for three years whereby the company contributes DM 50000.- to *Europhysics News* in exchange for publicity and the option to take over production and possibly distribution.
- Professional Qualifications:** To ratify the nominations to the Register Commission.
- Executive Committee:** To elect the following:
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|------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>President:</b>      | H. Schopper, Geneva       | <b>Members:</b> | G. Benedek, Milan             |
| <b>Vice-President:</b> | N. Króó, Budapest         |                 | C.M. Ferreira, Lisbon         |
| <b>Secretary:</b>      | J.-Ph. Ansermet, Lausanne |                 | G.C. Morrison, Birmingham     |
| <b>Vice-Secretary:</b> | C. Sébenne, Paris         |                 | I.F. Schegolev, Chernogolovka |
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| <b>Vice-Treasurer:</b> | E. Osnes, Oslo            |                 |                               |