



### European Physical Society

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Left EPS President, Denis Weaire, and, taking note of all that is said, the new General Secretary of EPS, David Lee

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## Council Meeting

Council, the annual meeting of the governing body of the European Physical Society, was held this year in Leiden, the oldest university town in the Netherlands.

The Society gave its warmest thanks to Gero Thomas, who has worked for the Society for 26 years. David Lee now takes his place as Secretary General.

There are other new faces. Denis Jérôme, who is one of the Editors-in-Chief of *The European Physical Journal*, joins the Executive Committee. And Sir Arnold Wolfendale, an ex-President of the Institute of Physics and ex-Astronomer Royal, becomes President-elect.

The two outgoing members of the Executive Committee, Claude Sébenne and George Morrison, both joined the Editorial Advisory Board of this magazine – Professor Morrison as Chairman.

Other news: The accounts for 1997 showed a small surplus of about 7000 FF, thanks to the diligence of Gero Thomas and Treasurer John Lewis.

Divisions and groups all submitted written reports at Council (which are now available at EPS HQ in Mulhouse). One of the underlying themes of Council was improving the flow of information on the activities of Division, Groups and Committees, and ensuring that EPS members hear of them. The issue is being addressed by a working group led by Per Anker Lindgård.

A new division came into being, the Division of Statistical Physics and Non-Linear Phenomena. Its main advocate was Preben Alstrøm, President of the Danish Physical Society. His aim now is to organize workshops and conferences; including events covering fluid dynamics and econophysics.

Dates for Council 1999 have yet to be set

### EPS 11

## First Announcement

EPS holds a general physics conference every three years. The 11th in the series will be held in London from Monday 6 to Friday 10 September 1999.

The fee will be £160 (240 Ecus) for members of national physical societies. Students and IOMs will get a discount. contact EPS-11, Conferences Department The Institute of Physics, 76 Portland Place London W1N 3DH, UK tel +44 171 470 4800; fax +44 171 470 4900 email [eps11@iop.org](mailto:eps11@iop.org)

Website [www.iop.org/IOP/Confs/EPS](http://www.iop.org/IOP/Confs/EPS)

### Division Elections

## Quantum Electronics and Optics Division

Elections to the Board of the Quantum Electronics and Optics Division for the period of September 1998 to September 2002 will take place July/August 1998. At present the Board consists of the following elected Members:

- \*M. Ducloy, Villetaneuse, France *Chairman*
- \*L. Lugiato, Milan, Italy *Secretary*
- \*J. Balmer, Berne, Switzerland
- \*R. Corbalan, Barcelona, Spain
- W. Ertmer, Hannover, Germany
- W. Gawlik, Krakow, Poland
- \*D.C. Hanna, Southampton, UK
- G. Huber, Hamburg, Germany
- J.P. Huignard, Orsay, France
- \*M. Inguscio, Florence, Italy
- \*G. Nienhuis, Leiden, Netherlands
- S. Svanberg, Lund, Sweden
- \* *retiring from the Board in September 1998 and not be re-eligible*

The Board has presently as co-opted members:

- R. Blatt, Innsbruck, Austria
- J. Dalibard, Paris, France
- S. de Silvestri, Milano, Italy
- Th. Elsaesser, Berlin, Germany
- C. Fotakis, Heraklion, Greece
- G. Gerber, Wuerzburg, Germany
- D.R. Hall, Edinburgh, Scotland
- U. Keller, Zurich, Switzerland
- Y. Prior, Rehovot, Israel
- I.A. Scherbakov, Moscow, Russia



Giorgio Benedek *behind* and Claude Sébenne *in front* inspecting the detail on a finely engraved astrolabe at the Boerhaave museum in Leiden. Delegates to Council were invited to an evening at the museum, which is named after the Dutch professor of medicine, Herman Boerhaave. Apart from the finely detailed astrolabes, highlights of the museum included Leeuwenhoek's original microscopes and a reconstruction of an old circular anatomy theatre



L. Thylen, Stockholm, Sweden  
 W. Hogervorst, Amsterdam, Netherlands  
 C. Webb, Oxford, UK

The present Board has nominated the following candidates for the elections:

E. Arimondo, Italy  
 S. de Silvestri, Italy  
 C. Fabre, France  
 C. Fotakis, Greece  
 D.R. Hall, Scotland  
 W. Hogervorst, Netherlands  
 U. Keller, Switzerland  
 P. Mandel, Belgium  
 Y. Prior, Israel  
 R. Vilaseca, Spain

Further nominations may be put forward by Individual Ordinary Members and members of the QEOD Division. Please note that Members of the Board are elected for an initial four-year-term. In order to maintain the international character of the Board, at maximum two elected members from each country are allowed to serve simultaneously. The country of residence will be considered and counted in this sense. Nominations must have the support of three members of the Division from at least two different countries and the consent has to include the statement that the candidate is also willing to take an office in the Board.

Send nominations to EPS HQ to arrive no later than 15 June 1998.

#### Division Elections

### Atomic and Molecular Physics Division

Elections to the Board of the Atomic and Molecular Physics Division (AMPD) of the EPS will take place this summer during the 6th European Conference on Atomic and Molecular Physics (ECAMP 6; Siena, 14 to 18 July).

A list of the present members is given in *Europhysics News* 29 1 January/February 1998. Nominations for the election, each giving name and address (and if possible fax and email) of the suggested candidate as well as a brief supporting statement, should be sent to the AMPD Chairman: R. Morgenstern  
 Kernfysisch Versneller Institute  
 University of Groningen, Zernikelaan 25  
 NL-9747 AA Groningen, Netherlands  
 fax +31 50 363 40 03  
 email morgenstern@kvi.nl.

They should arrive no later than 15 June 1998. The nomination would preferably also be accompanied by the candidate's

consent and be endorsed by other members of the AMPD.

Information on ECAMP 6 can be obtained on the Internet at [www.unisi.it/fisica/ecamp98/si-info/home.htm](http://www.unisi.it/fisica/ecamp98/si-info/home.htm).

#### Section Elections

### Electronic & Atomic Collisions Section

Nominations for election to the Board of the above section should arrive no later than 15 June 1998, and be sent to: Nigel Mason

Department of Physics and Astronomy  
 University College London  
 Gower Street, London WC1E 6BT, UK  
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 email [ucaps7n@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:ucaps7n@ucl.ac.uk)

Nominations should conform to the instructions give for the Atomic and Molecular Physics Division election.

#### Section Elections

### Molecular Physics Section

Nominations for election to the Board of the above section should arrive no later than 15 June 1998, and be sent to:

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 email [fmasnou@lancelot.lac.u-psud.fr](mailto:fmasnou@lancelot.lac.u-psud.fr)

Nominations should conform to the instructions give for the Atomic and Molecular Physics Division election.

Do you want to define physics at the European level? Then nominate someone for election to a Board



Every physics teacher in Europe should be beating a path to Lennart Samuelsson's door. As editor of the *European Journal of Physics*, a journal of teaching ideas and methods, he is concerned with the art of teaching.

He was at EPS Council in Leiden recently to give a report. The journal: "It's not a research journal." It's for university teachers who wish to improve their teaching. "There are things in courses that might not be fully understood. These articles help teachers understand a little bit better." It's good for students, too. "I have some at my university who are very eager to see it. I put it outside my door."

Originally a primary school teacher who went on to become a nuclear physicist, Samuelsson now teaches astronomy to university students, secondary school teachers, civil engineers and others. And the hardest job? "Primary school teacher – that was really hard".

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