

December 2025 DPF Newsletter

Dear DPF members,

Please find below the monthly DPF newsletter for December 2025. This newsletter will be archived on the [DPF website](#). If you would like an announcement included in the January 2026 newsletter, please contact the DPF Secretary/Treasurer. Please keep requests to 300 words and submit them by the **10th of the month** for consideration.

DPF is the primary community organization for particle physicists in the United States. You can directly support our activities by making a donation at [this link](#) (log in with your APS credentials).

Best wishes,

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Francis Halzen Wins APS Medal

Congratulations to Francis Halzen (University of Wisconsin-Madison), winner of the 2026 APS Medal for Exceptional Achievement in Research, “for contributions to the field of neutrino astrophysics, especially leadership of the IceCube Neutrino Observatory and the discovery of high-energy astrophysical neutrinos and their sources.” Read more about Francis and the award at

<https://www.aps.org/apsnews/2025/12/medal-francis-halzen>.

Next DPF Community Meeting December 18-19, 2025

An agenda and registration information for the next DPF Community Meeting can be found at <https://indico.global/event/15767/>. The meeting will be held on Zoom, and attendees must register by midnight ET on December 16 to participate. We look forward to having you join us.

A summary of the meeting will appear in the January 2026 DPF newsletter.

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Early Bird Registration for Global Physics Summit ends January 28

The APS Global Physics Summit – the successor to the APS April Meeting that DPF participated in – will be held March 16-20, 2026 in Denver, Colorado. Early bird registration for the event with reduced fees ends on January 28. Find more information at <https://www.aps.org/events/2026/joint-meeting-2026>.

European Strategy for Particle Physics Update Released

The European particle physics community has completed their update of their strategy and the strategy group has submitted their report to the CERN Council. The report can be found at <https://cds.cern.ch/record/2950671>.

DNP Community Meeting on January 12, 2026

Our colleagues in the Division of Nuclear Physics will hold a virtual community meeting on January 12, 2026; see more information and register for the meeting at <https://indico.phys.utk.edu/event/290/>.

Save the Date: DPF26

The 2026 edition of the APS Division of Particles and Fields (DPF) meeting will be held at Fermilab on July 20-24, 2026. More information to come!

IUPAP C11 Early Career Scientist Prize – Nominations for 2026

The [Commission on Particles and Fields \(C11\)](#) of IUPAP solicits nominations of outstanding young experimental or theoretical particle physicists for the two 2026 Early Career Scientist Prizes.

The prizes, each consisting of an IUPAP medal and a cash (CHF1000) award, will be presented at the 43rd International Conference on High Energy Physics, Natal, Brazil, on July 30th - August 5th, 2026.

Candidates for the prize should have a maximum of 8 years of research experience (excluding career interruptions) following the PhD.

Nominations for the IUPAP Particles and Fields Early Career Scientist Prizes:

- can be made by experimental or theoretical particle physicists who know the work of the nominee well and include a citation statement.
- should consist of a minimum of two and a maximum of three letters explaining the nominee's qualifications and scientific achievements, a complete CV, and a list of publications. In addition, if the nominee is a member of a large international experiment with a long list of publications signed by all or a large part of the collaboration, a list of up to 20 papers that demonstrate the work the candidate has done either as a leader or strong participant should be provided.
- must include a proposed award citation of 50 words or fewer describing the contributions of the nominee.

Recipients of IUPAP Awards are expected to meet the commonly held standards of professional ethics and scientific integrity. Nominators should include a statement saying that, to the best of their knowledge, there are no concerns that IUPAP should be aware of regarding the nominee satisfying this expectation.

The nominator should collect the material and upload it at <https://iupap-ecsp.desy.de/>. All material should be submitted before February 1st, 2026, at 12:00 PM CET.

Marcelo Munhoz (chair) for IUPAP C11 (2025-2027).