

October 2018 DPF Newsletter

Dear DPF members,

Please find below the monthly DPF newsletter for October 2018. This newsletter will be archived on the [DPF website](#).

If you would like an announcement included in the November newsletter, to be sent out around November 15th, please contact the DPF Secretary/Treasurer. Please keep requests to 300 words and submit them by the **10th of the month** for consideration.

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1. Update on DPF Submission to the European Strategy Group

Please see the [August 2018 newsletter](#) for information on the content and timeline for the DPF white paper submission to the European Strategy Group. The deadline is now passed for submissions, and the editors of each subgroup are preparing drafts. The drafts will be posted for community feedback on November 12.

2. DPF Meeting Bids

The deadline for receipt of proposals for hosting the next DPF meeting is December 1, 2018. Please see the [August 2018 newsletter](#) for more detailed information.

3. DPF Election

The DPF election opened on September 1, and will remain open until **October 19**. If you were a DPF member on around August 31, you should have received an email ballot from

directvote.net, with subject line “2018 DPF Election - login information below”, and a reminder this week if you did not vote. Please vote! The candidates can be found [here](#).

4. DPF Instrumentation Award Winners

The DPF is pleased to announce the winners of the [2018 Instrumentation Awards](#). These prizes are awarded annually to honor exceptional contributions to instrumentation advancing the field of particle physics through the invention, refinement, or application of instrumentation and detectors.

The DPF Instrumentation Award 2018 is awarded to Professor Rinaldo Santonico from the University of Rome, Tor Vergata, *for the development of large gap Resistive Plate Chambers (RPCs) and their successful application in a wide variety of experiments.*

The DPF Instrumentation Early Career Award 2018 is awarded to Dr. Javier Tiffenberg from Fermilab and the University of Chicago *for the development of the Skipper CCD and its application in light dark matter and coherent neutrino-nucleus interaction searches.*

We plan a recognition ceremony for this award at the upcoming [CPAD meeting](#), in Providence in December 9-11, 2018. We plan an additional recognition at the DPF meeting next summer.

5. DPF Statement on Recent Talk at CERN

The DPF EC makes the following statement about the talk that was recently given by Alessandro Strumia at CERN.

1) Dr. Strumia misrepresented the content of his talk when he asked the organizers to speak at the conference. He then proceeded to use his platform to harass a colleague who was hired to a management position instead of him. Such behavior has no place at any scientific meeting that seeks to promote the open exchange of ideas based on mutual respect.

2) Dr. Strumia’s “scientific” analysis is deeply flawed and ignores the considerable scholarly work on this topic. For a more detailed discussion of this point, we refer to the statement at particlesforjustice.org. The DPF EC endorses this statement.

3) Dr. Strumia used his talk to air his perceived grievances. His analysis simply has no merit and his actions speak for themselves.

We stand with the DPF community and reaffirm our commitment to diversity and inclusivity in our shared goals of understanding the fundamental particles and their interactions and the mysteries of the universe.

6. J.J. Sakurai Dissertation Award Nominations

The deadline for nominating candidates for the Sakurai Dissertation Award in Theoretical Particle Physics has been extended to October 25, 2018. Please take advantage of this opportunity to recognize talented junior theorists who have recently completed theses. For more information on the application process and eligibility please visit

<https://www.aps.org/programs/honors/dissertation/particle.cfm>

Sakurai Dissertation Award Committee

7. CPAD Registration Reminder

Abstract submission and registration for the CPAD instrumentation workshop 2018 are now open on the conference web site: <http://www.brown.edu/Conference/CPAD2018/>

8. APS International Research Travel Awards

The American Physical Society is currently accepting proposals for the Society's International Research Travel Award Program (IRTAP). The deadline is **November 1**. We encourage DPF members to apply.

IRTAP promotes international scientific collaborations between physicists in developing and developed countries. The travel grants provide \$2,000 towards travel and lodging expenses for travel while visiting a collaborator abroad.

More information: <https://www.aps.org/programs/international/programs/travel-grants.cfm>

9. DPF membership

If you are reading this, you are likely a DPF member already, and you already know that the DPF drives the U.S. particle physics community planning process, connects to other divisions and to a broader international community, and provides networking and resources for its members (for example, student travel support to meetings). The more DPF members we can engage, the more APS resources we have access to, and the stronger our community will be. International members are very welcome.

Please forward the information below to your students and colleagues. Information on how to check unit membership is included.

APS Unit Membership Information

Here are general benefits of APS membership:

<http://www.aps.org/membership/benefits.cfm>

If you are not an APS member, you can join here:

<https://www.aps.org/memb-sec/join/startpage.cfm>

Students can join at a reduced rate, and for free for their first year:

<http://www.aps.org/membership/student.cfm>

If you are already an APS member, and you are not sure if you are also a DPF member, you can check whether you are by doing the following:

Go to the member page:

<https://www.aps.org/membership/index.cfm>

Sign in at “My member profile”, and click on the “membership” tab. To add a unit, click on the “Add Unit” button.