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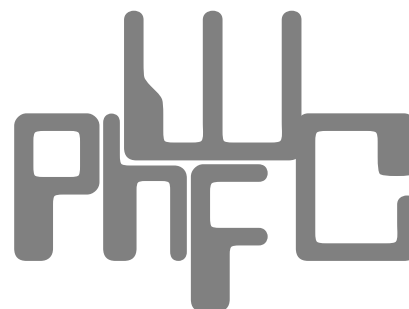
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The aims of the Federation are:

1. To promote excellence in, and research associated with, physics education through the use of school physics competitions;
2. To promote meetings and conferences where persons interested in physics contests can exchange and develop ideas of use in their countries;
3. To provide opportunities for the exchanging of information for physics education through published material, notably through the Journal of the Federation;
4. To recognize through the WFPPhC Awards system persons who have made notable contributions to physics education through physical challenge around the world;
5. To organize assistance provided by countries with developed system for competitions for countries attempting to develop competitions;
6. To promote physics and to encourage young physicists.

## EDITORIAL

In April 2012 the 5<sup>th</sup> Congress took place in a holiday resort near Nijmegen in the Netherlands. We had chosen to have this Congress just before the International Conference for Young Scientists (ICYS) so that the participants would have the chance to attend both, the Congress and the Conference.

The theme of the Congress was “Interdisciplinarity” and we will report on it in the next Journal.

Following our statutes, there were elections during the Congress. The result was a new situation:

Hans Jordens from the Netherlands, who had acted as WFPnC-president from the beginning of the Federation in the year 2002, had decided to retire from his position and wanted to be “just” an “ordinary member” of the Federation in future.

Dear Hans Jordens,

We have to say “Thank you very much !”. You played an important role in the Federation. It was you who founded it, together with Waldemar Gorzkowski, and after Waldemar passed away very unexpectedly in 2007, you followed Waldemar in his job as IPHO-president in 2008. In all those years you did a great job in our Federation !

At the same time Zsuzsanna Rajkovits from Hungary, up to this very date acting as vice-president, wanted to stop her work in the Federation.

Dear Zsuzsanna,

You did an important job, very often more in the background, and we have to say “Thank you very much!” for all your activities.

Zsuzsanna Rajkovits was chosen from the Awards Committee to get the prize of the year 2010. It was given to her during the 4-th Congress, and later in this journal you can find an article about that event.

Matti Rajamäki from Finland, being the head of the Award Committee, also wanted to terminate his activities.

Dear Matti,

Once again we have to say “Thank you so much!” for your activities, both in this Committee and in the Executive Committee.

Yohanes Surya from Indonesia also wanted to stop his activities in the Executive Committee. That’s why we have to say, once again: “Dear Yohannes! Thank you so much for all the work you did for our Federation!”

Jan Mostowski from Poland chose not to continue his activities in the Executive Committee and changed over to the Awards Committee.

Dear Jan! Thank you very much for all your commitment !

The Awards Committee decided to give the Award-2012 to Maija Ahtee from Finland. She was head of the Finnish team from the very beginning of Finland's

participation in the IPHO up to 1999. From this very year up to 2007 she acted as secretary of the International Physics Olympiad. As the former IPHO-president, Waldemar Gorzkowski, passed away during the IPHO-2007, Maija Ahtee was acting president up to 2008, when the new president, Hans Jordens, was elected. From that date up to 2009 Maija Ahtee worked as secretary again. Then she stopped her engagements in the IPHO.

Maija Ahtee took an important role in the IPHO, very often more in the background than on stage. It is planned to hand the prize over to Maija during the IPHO-2012 in Estonia. She will attend this IPHO as a special guest.

Hence there is a new situation in our Federation with new people in several functions, which one can read at the beginning of this journal.

I am sure that the new crew will continue all the activities of the Federation in the sense of the founders. I very well remember all the discussions we had in 2002 in Bali, when the Federation was founded and will do my best to act in this sense.

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