

Section Representative Report Southern Ohio Section AAPT Winter Meeting 2007

AAPT has a new Executive Officer, Toufic Hakim. Bernie Khoury is still working as Executive Officer Emeritus.

Prof. Hakim emphasized that the 47 sections of AAPT are 47 preferences, one ambition; 47 sections, one system. He noted that AAPT stands for a passion for physics, a long tradition of teaching, and involvement in physics education. He wants AAPT to be the leading resource and advocate for physics education. We are public leadership, broad representation, and intellectual contributors.

He emphasized that the national and sections need to work together to achieve that vision.

He spoke about his goals for AAPT, and the need for building infrastructure and the attitude to support the bold goals. AAPT wants to be the first stop, one stop resource center for physics education. Hakim wants us to do what we've been doing, but better.

The magazine Interactions will replace the Announcer. The first edition was available at the meeting. There will be a meeting book for each future meeting, eventually migrating to a primarily electronic existence.

Future meetings will be

Summer 2007 Appalachian State, Greensboro, 28 July - 1 August 2007

Winter 2008 Baltimore, 18 - 24 January 2008

Summer 2008 University of Alberta, Edmonton, 19 - 23 July 2008

Winter 2009 Chicago (joint with AAAS), 12 - 16 February 2009

Summer 2009 University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, date TBD

Winter 2010 DC (joint with APS), 11 - 18 February 2010

Summer 2010 CMU, Pittsburgh (?)(joint with Mathematical Association of America?), date TBD

Summer 2011 joint with American Society for Engineering Education?

The Association had a return on investment of about 13% in 2006.

The addition of international sections to AAPT is under active consideration.

A small group of Section Representatives will meet to set an agenda for the summer meeting for dealing with a set of questions about the sections, such as when to activate/deactivate a section, international sections, etc.

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