



## IUPAP Working Group # 5 Women in Physics

2023- 2024 Report

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### 1. 8<sup>th</sup> ICWIP Follow-up

Once the ICWIPs conclude, the publication process of the Proceedings starts. Contributions to the Proceedings are reports about the situation of women in each country. Plenary speakers and workshop organizers are invited also to submit contributions. Since some authors write papers for the first time, and others do not have the necessary tools to prepare them, they are specially helped to fulfill the journal requirements. Proceedings are a worthy source of information on the situation of female physicists and activities that national teams have developed to improve it during the last 24 years. The 7th ICWIP Proceedings faced several obstacles due to the pandemic but they have been published in open-access version. They can be consulted in <https://pubs.aip.org/aip/acp/issue/3040/1>

Currently, peer-review process is on for the 8<sup>th</sup> ICWIP Proceedings, which will be published as usual in AIP Conference Proceedings.

### 2. Travel Grants

In the years when the ICWIPs do not take place, grants are offered to students and researchers from developing countries and Eastern Europe. These grants allowed them to visit institutions for collaboration, to attend short courses, or to present their research at conferences. The call was sent to country Team leaders by email, asking them to distribute it in their country. Out of 66 applicants, the Working Group (WG) selected 21 women from 14 countries to receive grants of around \$750 USD. We are happy to announce that participants from more countries were supported this time.

### 3. New members and internal organization

Two new Associated Members have become part of the WG. Niloofar Jokar as representative of International Association of Physics Students (IAPS) and Vandana Nanal, co-chair of 8<sup>th</sup> ICWIP. We celebrate that contact with physics students has started and expect a fruitful collaboration. In the past, when the IUPAP General Assembly (GA) took place every three years, the WG membership was renewed. A number of WG Members have finished their term: a Call has been launched to invite colleagues from Sub Saharan Africa, Western Europe, North America, and Latin America and the Caribbean to submit applications this time. Currently, the WG analyzes the bids. New officers take up office. Prajval Shastri (India) and Apriel Hodari (USA) become Chair and Vice-chair, respectively. Lilia Meza-Montes will serve then as Past-Chair.

#### **4. Our Website**

We are in the process of updating our website. It was hosted in institutions for a long time, making difficult the access as members changed. The last version was carried by the University of Buenos Aires ( <http://wgiwip.df.uba.ar>). Now, as a part of IUPAP website ( <https://iupap.org/who-we-are/internal-organization/working-groups/wg5-women-in-physics/>) it has been updated. Links to all ICWIPs websites, proceedings and Resolutions are available now. Some photos will be shown. An updated list of Team Leaders and announcements can also be found.

#### **5. 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our WG 5**

WG5 was created in the 23<sup>th</sup> GA convened in Atlanta, Georgia, during the celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the American Physical Society. Along these 25 years, our WG has promoted the creation of local teams, programs, initiatives and networks which are beneficial not only for women but also to the whole physics community around the world. It is worth celebrating such a great success and the IUPAP-CPS Women in Physics Forum was organized. Two panel sessions, short talks and group discussions will take place before the 33<sup>rd</sup> GA, on October 10<sup>th</sup>. Regional posters on the impact of the WG and a video will be exhibited.