

Comments from the President

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Please accept my sincere apologies for the delay in publishing the summer newsletter. I am taking the liberty of bringing to your attention the following items.

(i) The newly formed Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER) in Kolkata is inviting faculty applications at all levels. Please contact Professor Sushanta Dattagupta, Director, IISER at sushanta@gmail.com. Please find details in the article by Professor Sushanta Dattagupta in this newsletter.

(ii) I am honored to share an announcement from Professor Ram Chaudhari of SUNY at Oswego on the World Hindi Foundation, Inc. The World Hindi Foundation, Inc (USA), a Non-Profit Foundation, has been publishing a quarterly Science Magazine in Hindi since 2003. It is called Vigyan Prakash. Professor Chaudhuri is soliciting Hindi articles on science topics (technology, medicine and social sciences included) for this magazine (for persons not conversant in Hindi, articles in English are acceptable). As far as possible, please avoid the use of mathematical equations, and keep it to a level, so that sophomores majoring in science can benefit from it.

The World Hindi Foundation, Inc (USA) are unable to pay any honorarium, but will be highly grateful to the authors. For details, please call Professor Chaudhari at (315) 312-2676 (W), or (315) 343-3583, or send an email: chaudhar@oswego.edu

(iii) Nominations are being sought for the ACIPA Distinguished Scholar Prize and the ACIPA Outstanding Young Physicist Prize. The deadline is close, October 1, 2006 for the 2007 Prizes. Please find details in the article by Professor Jainendra Jain in this newsletter.

(iv) The Forum on International Physics (FIP) of the American Physical Society is planning to hold a joint evening reception with societies such as ACIPA, AKPA (Association of Korean Physicists in America) and Overseas Chinese Physics Association (OCPA) in either the March or April (or both) APS Meetings in 2007. There is discussion about whether the societal prizes can be awarded in these highly publicized ceremonies.