

## **European Physical Society Young Minds (EPSYM) Action Committee Reporting on the year 2010**

In 2010, the EPSYM Action Committee has launched a platform for proactive young scientists to engage in self-organized activities that strengthen their scientific, outreach and networking capabilities.

In the first year alone, over 60 young scientists – advanced undergraduate students to postdoctoral researchers – have organized in 7 sections from five countries. Already, this initiative strengthens the ties between the new generation of scientists within Europe and around the world, encouraging people to communicate actively with their peers, to build a strong professional network and to interact with more advanced scientists in the EPS community.

The Members of the EPSYM action committee personally supported the buildup of new sections and made sure that the young scientists' needs were taken into account for the definition of the grant schemes, web platform and support structures.

In order to advertise and explain the EPSYM Project, members of the EPSYM action committee assisted the IONS-7 and IONS-8 conferences in Galway and Moscow, respectively, giving presentations on the project and interacting closely with conference attendees.

### **EPSYM Action Committee Meetings:**

During 2010, all members of the EPS Young Minds Action committee met personally on four occasions to review and coordinate the progress of the project.

- Constitutive meeting at EPS Headquarters in Mulhouse on February 27, 2010
  - o Formal start of the EPS Young Minds Project
  - o Decisions regarding internal workflow
  - o Planning of grant schemes and member support
  - o Decisions regarding overall strategy and vision of EPSYM
- Meeting at ICFO, Barcelona on May 27, 2010
  - o Interaction with the first EPSYM local section: ICFO's ICONS
  - o Decisions on awarding first round of activity grants
  - o First version of the custom-made website working
  - o Review and implementation of committee workflow
- Meeting at University Federico II in Naples on September 24, 2010
  - o Interaction with local EPSYM local section
  - o Planning of first EPSYM leadership meeting in April 2011
  - o Launching of cohesive activities between local sections: New Years Cards initiative, where finally 6 sections prepared new years cards for their peers.
- Meeting in Mulhouse
  - o Interaction with International Association of Physics Students

- Detail planning of Leadership meeting
- Planning of coherent communication and advertisement strategy
- Integration of new Sections and possible interactions within EPS

#### EPSYM Activity Grants

- ICFO Barcelona: 1000EUR
- Naples: 950 EUR
- Galway: 700EUR
- Moscow: 1000 EUR