

APS and AIP Offer to Expand E-Journal Access For Minority-Serving Institutions

MELVILLE, NY, February 20, 2008 — In a project initiated by the National Society of Black Physicists (NSBP), the National Society of Hispanic Physicists (NSHP), and the Southeastern Universities Research Association (SURA), the American Physical Society and the American Institute of Physics have offered minority-serving academic institutions a free trial throughout 2008 to all their online publications. The two publishers have agreed to a formula that would permit these institutions to then acquire this entire collection of top physics journals at very low prices in 2009.

“Historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs) and other minority-serving institutions often lack the financial resources to obtain the research journals so important to students in physics and related fields,” noted Quinton Williams, chair of the physics department at Jackson State University and current president of NSBP. “This initiative with AIP and APS is an attempt to solve that problem.”

Roman Czujko, director of AIP’s Statistical Research Center, pointed out that “HBCUs account for 60% of all physics bachelors degrees awarded to African American students, even though they comprise only 4.5% of all universities that award this degree.” In addition, three of the six U.S. universities that have awarded the largest number of PhDs to African Americans over the last three decades are historically black universities.

AIP, publisher of *Journal of Applied Physics* and *Journal of Chemical Physics*, and APS, publisher of the renowned *Physical Review* series, are among the top publishers of physics journals and between them account for eight of the ten most-cited journals in the field, according to Thomson Scientific.

Cooperating with NSBP, NSHP, and SURA, the two publishers are offering free trial access in 2008 to their entire online journal collections to HBCUs and other select minority-serving institutions with a physics department. Some of these institutions subscribe to a fairly large number of AIP and APS journals (and some get none), but none of the institutions currently receives the entire collection of both publishers.

“The journals initiative with AIP and APS has planted a seed that we hope to grow – there is certainly a need by researchers at these institutions for the journals,” said David Ernst, professor of physics at Vanderbilt University, executive officer of NSHP, and SURA Fellow.

Librarians, physics department chairs, or faculty at any of the HBCU institutions or at a select set of Hispanic- and Native American-serving institutions are welcome to apply for the free trial access by contacting APS or AIP at the email addresses on the reverse side. “We work with librarians throughout the developing world to provide low-cost access to our journals,” stated Joe Serene, publisher and treasurer of the American Physical Society. “We can certainly do no less for underserved and underfinanced institutions in our own country.”

A list of the publishers’ titles appears on the reverse side.

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The **American Physical Society** is the world's largest professional body of physicists, representing over 46,000 physicists in academia and industry in the US and internationally. Publishing since 1893, APS is currently celebrating the 50th anniversary of *Physical Review Letters*, the first "rapid publication" journal in its field. APS has offices in Ridge, NY; Washington, DC; and College Park, MD. For more information: www.aps.org.

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