

Policy Statement from the Conference Organizers

The conference organizers join IUPAP policy concerning the free circulation of scientists and the harassment at conferences, and try to do their best to comply with the IUPAP statements below:

Free Circulation of Scientists:

[Section 1. (<http://iupap.org/sponsored-conferences/conference-policies/>)]

1. Implement the IUPAP Policy on Free Circulation of Scientists:

The free circulation of scientists for scientific purposes is a major piece of IUPAP policy. Its policy on this matter which is consistent with the corresponding declaration of the International Council of Science, and was adopted at the 26th General Assembly in 2008 and endorsed by the 27th General Assembly in 2011 states

- The principle of the Universality of Science is fundamental to scientific progress. This principle embodies freedom of movement, association, expression and communication for scientists, as well as equitable access to data, information and research materials.
- In pursuing its objectives with respect to the rights and responsibilities of scientists, the International Union of Pure and Applied Physics (IUPAP) actively upholds this principle, and, in so doing, opposes any discrimination on the basis of such factors as ethnic origin, religion, citizenship, language, political stance, gender, or age. IUPAP should only sponsor conferences and events at institutions and in countries that uphold this principle. If scientists are excluded from attending IUPAP-sponsored international conferences by a host institution or country on the basis of any of these factors, IUPAP should register its concern at the highest level of that institution or country, and should not sponsor any future events in that country until such exclusions have been eliminated.

All IUPAP sponsored and IUPAP endorsed conferences are expected to implement this policy. As far as possible IUPAP will ensure that its policy on Free Circulation of Scientists is adhered to by those conferences it sponsors by

1. expecting that the host country will declare in advance that individuals will not be excluded solely on ground of national origin or citizenship.

2. proceeding as if the declaration has been made, and planning the conference on the basis of its own policy.
3. publicising in IUPAP documents and reporting to the International Council of Science Committee on Freedom and Responsibility of Scientists cases where, subsequently, scientists are excluded from the host country on grounds of national origin.
4. not considering future events in that country when scientists are excluded from the host country on grounds of national origin until satisfactory changes have been made.
5. requiring that the following statement be published on the Conference website and in any publication related to the conference:

To secure IUPAP sponsorship, the organisers have provided assurance that (Conference name) will be conducted in accordance with IUPAP principles as stated in the IUPAP resolution passed by the General Assembly in 2008 and 2011. In particular, no bona fide scientist will be excluded from participation on the grounds of national origin, nationality, or political considerations unrelated to science.

Harassment at Conferences:

[Section 4 <http://iupap.org/sponsored-conferences/conference-policies/>]

4. Harassment

IUPAP insists that all participants at IUPAP conferences should be able to enjoy the conference and its benefits free of discrimination and harassment. To emphasise this policy and to indicate that remedies are available to those who are harassed or discriminated against, all IUPAP supported conferences are required to publish the following statement on their website and in all publications related to the Conference.

It is the policy of the International Union of Pure and Applied Physics (IUPAP) that all participants in Union activities will enjoy an environment which encourages the free expression and exchange of scientific ideas, and is free from all forms of discrimination, harassment, and retaliation. The conference organisers will name an advisor who will consult with those who have suffered from harassment and who will suggest ways of redressing their problems, and an advisor who will counsel those accused of harassment. The conference organisers may, after due consideration, take such action they deem appropriate, including warning or expulsion from the conference without refund.