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Announcement

Call for proposals to host an IUTAM Symposium or Instructional Summer School in 2006 or 2007

The United States National Committee on Theoretical and Applied Mechanics (USNC/TAM) seeks proposals from US authors and institutions to host IUTAM Symposia or Instructional Summer Schools in 2006 or 2007. Information for US proposers can be found on the USNC/TAM website at: <http://www7.nationalacademies.org/usnctam>. IUTAM provides a small amount of financial support for symposia and summer schools. US organizers are strongly encouraged to seek additional financial support from other sources. The primary use of financial support is to help with travel expenses for younger scientists and for scientists from developing countries.

IUTAM Symposia

The goal of an IUTAM Symposium is to assemble a group of active scientists, within a well-defined field, for the development of science in that field. Participation is by invitation only. In order to achieve effective communication within the group it should, typically, be limited to 60–80 scientists with expertise in the subject area of the symposium. Symposia typically consist of a few invited lectures, and a larger number of contributed papers, presented as lectures and/or posters, all pre-screened by the Symposium Scientific Committee.

IUTAM Instructional Summer Schools

The purpose of an IUTAM Instructional Summer School is to provide lectures by leading experts in a new or emerging field of science and engineering in order to foster developments in that field. Schools are typically 3–5 days in length and intended primarily for younger scientists and those with only limited knowledge in the specific field of the school. Participation is by invitation only.

Proposal submission

Proposals from the United States to host a symposium or summer school should be submitted on the appropriate two-page Proposal Submission Form available on the USNC/TAM website. The completed proposal should be sent electronically to the USNC/TAM Secretary (herak@virginia.edu) no later than January 15, 2004. Proposers may submit their proposals directly to IUTAM. However, experience has shown that proposals benefit from the feedback provided by USNC/TAM, and that the recommendation of USNC/TAM when the proposal is finally submitted to IUTAM carries considerable weight.

Final approvals

Proposals will be assessed by the USNC/TAM and then forwarded to IUTAM where they are reviewed by IUTAM panels. The IUTAM General Assembly will vote on the panel recommendations in August 2004 at the International Congress on Theoretical and Applied Mechanics in Warsaw, Poland (<http://ictam04.ippt.gov.pl/>).