

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## X INTERNACIONAL WORKSHOP ON TEACHING OF PHYSICS

Havana Convention's Palace, Havana, Cuba

March 17 to 21, 2008

The Ministry of Education of Cuban Republic and the Latin-American and Caribbean Pedagogical Institute have the pleasure of inviting you to participate at the *X International Workshop on Teaching of Physics* which will be held in the Havana Convention's Palace, Havana, Cuba, from March 17 to 21, 2008

### *Institutions and organizations that sponsor the Congress*

1. UNESCO-Santiago (OREALC)
2. UNESCO-Havana (ORCALC)
3. UNESCO-París
4. "Andrés Bello" Convention
5. Ibero-American States for Education, Science and Culture Organization.
6. Cuban Union of Science Workers.
7. Ministry of Science, Technology and Environment of Cuba
8. Science Academy of Cuba
9. Ministry of Basic Industry.
10. CUBASOLAR
11. Latin-American and Caribbean Association of Teachers.
12. Cuban Physical Society
13. Cuban Association of Teachers.

### *General Theme of the Congress*

Teaching and learning of natural and exact sciences in all types and educational levels in the context of the Education for the Development Sustainable Decade promoted by the ONU with special emphasis on the advances and results in this aspect.

### *Congress activities*

1. Pre-Congress courses.
2. Lectures by guest speakers
3. Poster sessions.
4. Roundtables.
5. Contributed oral papers.
6. Symposiums.
7. Workshops.

### *General Program*

1. Pre-Congress courses
2. March 17
3. Opening
4. March 18.
5. Scientific activities
6. March 18-21
7. Closing
8. March 21

### *General Organization (Preliminary).*

The activities of the general program will be in plenary sessions, workshops or symposiums. Up to now, the following symposiums and workshops are projected:

**SYMPOSIUM 1:** Education for the Development Sustainable Decade. Importance of scientific education.

**SYMPOSIUM 2:** Scientific education in the middle educational level and primary ages. Good practices and new perspectives.

**SYMPOSIUM 3:** Informal scientific education. Divulagation and popularization of sciences. Olympic games in science education.

**SYMPOSIUM 4:** Use of information and communication technologies in science education.

### *About Pre-Congress courses*

These courses will be about Didactics of Science in General, Didactics of Natural Science, Didactics of Physics, Didactics of Mathematics, Didactics of Chemistry, Didactics of Biology and Didactics of Geography. Each course will have duration of eight hours and a certificate of attendance will be given to the participants. More information about Pre-Congress courses will be in The Congress WEB page: [www.didacien.rimed.cu](http://www.didacien.rimed.cu). The course will be given in the Havana Convention's Palace.

### *Registration fee*

**Participants:** 150 CUC. **Includes:** congress materials, certificates, coffee, scientific activities and closing lunch. You must pay 20 CUC in addition for the pre-congress courses. **Includes:** course materials, and certificate. The payment of the congress and the pre-courses must be in cash in Cuba from Sunday March 16, 2008 in Havana Convention's Palace. For any further information about the Congress, visit the WEB page of the congress <http://www.didacien.rimed.cu> or contact directly the following persons:

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## XVI INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP NEWS TRENDS IN TEACHING PHYSICS

**May 22 to 25, 2008**  
**Puebla, Pue., Mexico**

Each year at the end of May, the University of Puebla in Puebla, Mexico, organizes an International Workshop focused to physics teachers. Invited talks and short courses on Physics Education are given.

Further information: [www.fcfm.buap.mx/taller](http://www.fcfm.buap.mx/taller)

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### **GIREP 2008** **INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE** **and** **MPTL 13th Workshop** **Multimedia in Physics Teaching and Learning** **University of Cyprus** **18 - 22 August, 2008**

The GIREP conference is one of the main international event in the field of Physics Education. Conferences are held every two years bringing together participants from all over the world, ready to share their experiences and research work in an interesting and rewarding domain.

This year, the *Learning in Science Group, University of Cyprus* hosts the GIREP-MPTL joint meeting. The theme of the conference *Physics Curriculum Design, Development and Validation*, highlights an aspect of great relevance to recent innovation efforts in Physics Education: research-based curriculum design as a mechanism for unifying different approaches to enhance our knowledge of learning processes and explore the role of context, designed or circumstantial, in Physics learning and instruction.

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