

Brief history of the Cuban Physical Society

The Cuban Physical Society (CuPS) was founded on October 31, 1978. Its objective is bring together physicists, professors and other professionals working in the field of physics in Cuba.

The mission of CuPS is to advance and diffuse the knowledge of physics, stimulates research, as well as the improvement of Physics teaching in all levels. The society promotes scientific meetings, conferences, courses, and other related activities in the fields of Physics. Since 1982, CuPS publishes the Revista Cubana de Física. All numbers are freely available at: <http://www.revistacubanadefisica.org/index.php/rcf/>

The society has currently 400 members and eight divisions covering all areas of physics research in the country: Biophysics and Medical Physics; Condensed Matter; Instrumentation & Metrology; Nuclear, Atomic and Molecular Physics; Optics and Spectroscopy; Physics of the Earth and Space; Physics teaching; and Theoretical Physics. Recently a new section was created to gather young postgraduate physics students in the country.

The society organizes its general assembly every three years to elect the Executive Board, which is presently formed by:

- Dr. María Sánchez. President
- Dr. Ernesto Altshuler. First Vice president
- Dr. Juan Darias. Vice president, Organization
- Dr. Aurora Pérez. Vice president, Finances
- Dr. Carlos Cabal. Vice president
- Dr. Luis Méndez. Vice president
- Dr. Rolando Cardenas. Vice president

CuPS is a member society of the Iberoamerican Federation of Associations of Physics (FEIASOFI) and recently joined to American Vacuum Society.

The society honors outstanding academic and scientific achievements in the field of physics in the country every year with the National Prize of Physics "Manuel F. Gran". The prize consists of a cash bonus, a diploma and the appointment as a Member of Merit of CuPS.

Since 2017 CuPS organize, the Latin American and Caribbean University Physics Olympiad (OLUF). OLUF is a competence of knowledge that consists in solving an exam with problems of general physics at university level. The exam is done simultaneously in all the participating universities. The OLUF main goals are stimulate the interest in Physics, and promote the exchange between students and professors in the region.

More information can be finding in CuPS Website (in Spanish): <http://scf.fisica.uh.cu/>