



**Canadian Association of Physicists
Association Canadienne des Physiciens et Physiciennes**

**President's Report
Annual General Meeting
May 26, 2026**



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- Successful International Year of Quantum Science and technologies (Oliver Stelzer)
 - 34 events registered on our website
 - PIC Special issue
 - CAP-IYQ contests: “Quantum Arts” and the Logo Design Competitions
- Successful 2026 lecture tour (Avery Berman and Conny Hoehr)
- The 2026 CAP HS Prize Exam was held on Wednesday, April 8th, 2026.
- 2026 CCUW*iP was held from January 30 to February 1, 2026 at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, British Columbia, with 125 attendees (108 in-person and 27 online).
- 2027 CCUW*iP will be held in Sherbrooke, Québec, co-hosted by the Université de Sherbrooke and Bishop’s University in 2027 (date TBD).
- No undergraduate physics conference was held this year, CAP organized instead its first Virtual Grad Fair (Nov 7-8) attended by 150 students involving 15 universities.
- 2026 edition of CAP virtual grad fair will be held this fall.
- CUPC 2026 will be held at McMaster University, October 15-18.

Student events (Matthew
Robbins, director of
student affairs)



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- The Communication Advisory Committee was restarted (currently chaired by Barbara Frisken). Our communications team has worked diligently to improve our communications and outreach capabilities on various platforms (Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, email, website), proactively seeking feedback through surveys.
- The Departmental/Institutional Representatives program was also restarted. Most departments have assigned a representative, who helps convey timely information and promote CAP programs to their colleagues.
- We are in the process of restarting and improving the P.Phys program (see report from director of professional affairs)
- We have also drafted a MOU with CAPF to clarify the procedures and processes governing our relationship.



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- CAP has partnered with interdisciplinary research teams at Carleton University (Ottawa, ON) and Dalhousie University (Halifax, NS) on a research initiative addressing the challenges to equity, diversity and inclusion (EDI) in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). **EDIT-STEM** will design and develop a technological approaches and tools to advance EDI in STEM at the primary, secondary and post-secondary levels.
- CAP also partnered with the Perimeter Institute and local hosts (UQTR and Cégep de Trois-Rivières) to hold a 2-day workshop for CEGEP teachers. This activity was limited to 25 participants, and featured lectures on recent developments in physics, classroom activity demonstrations using Perimeter Institute kits (black holes), keynote lectures and talks with graduate students.
- CAP participated in the Université de Montréal's successful bid to host the International Conference on General Relativity and Gravitation GR 25 in Montreal in 2028 (LOC chaired by Manu Paranjape).
- CAP was invited to bid for the 2028 GIREP MPTL Conference (Multimedia in Physics Teaching and Learning) - we may consider 2034 due to our involvement in GR 25.



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- Lobbying 101 training from CAUT (Francine, James Fraser and P. Bénard)
- Participation in APS Board and Council meeting (P. Bénard and F. Ford) and PAGSE (Partnership for Science and Engineering) meetings (J. Fraser and P. Bénard)
- Lobbying activities in collaboration with the Canadian Consortium for Research (CCR) : meeting with MPs (Maxime Blanchette-Joncas, porte-parole en matière de sciences et d'innovation (P. Bénard), as well as Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Industry Karim Bardeesy and MP Tony Baldinelli (James Fraser)
- CAP provided written submissions for pre-budget consultations (August 2025 and May 2026, James Fraser)
- CAP has been invited to present its activities in physics education during the GIREP 2-26 Conference this summer (Bill Whelan and P. Bénard)



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- On the administrative side, a major focus of the last year has been on improving internal processes.
 - As some of you may have noticed we tried to improve the workload distribution by changing the timelines for our flagship activities (Lecture tour, congress organization).
 - We have also created a three-year conference program coordinator position for the annual Congress to provide continuity in its organization.
- Our administrative support software tools need to be updated or modernized, notably our Customer Relationship management (CRM) software. We also need to find a better support platform for our honors and recognition programs. Significant progress in this area will be a major objective of the executive this year.
 - This will require a committee to examine options and propose a process, if interested please contact our executive director or myself.



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Acknowledgements

- Thank you to the outgoing member of the Executive, Martin Williams, for his dedicated service and leadership of our association.
- Thank you to all our volunteers, without whom our events and programs would not be possible.
- Thank you to our sponsors and partners for their unwavering support.
- A special thank you to Executive Director Francine Ford, who is celebrating her 35th anniversary at CAP.

The CAP's greatest strength is its community of motivated volunteers who give their time and talents to support physics education and research across the country.

*If interested in getting involved with CAP, please contact us. **We need volunteers more than ever.***