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## Merger of the DAMPhi and DOP divisions

The membership of the Division of Atomic and Molecular Physics and Photon Interactions (DAMPhi) and the Division of Optics and Photonics (DOP) have formally approved a merger of the two divisions. The new division name will be :

Division of Atomic, Molecular and Optical Physics, Canada (DAMOPC)  
Division de la physique atomique, moléculaire et photonique, Canada (DPAMPC)

The merger will officially become effective on 2011 January 1. An Interim executive has been established for the period January 1 to June 17, 2011, as follows:

Barry Sanders and Robert Corriveau will be Co-Chairs  
James Martin, University of Waterloo will be Interim Vice-Chair  
Robert Thompson, University of Calgary, will be Interim Secretary-Treasurer

At the June DAMOPC business meeting, the members will be asked to establish/approve the Division Executive for the 2011/12 year. This merged division will be a very strong, vibrant group representing this community in Canada.

## Call for Nominations – 2011 CAP Medals

Members are invited to submit nominations for any of the CAP medals being awarded in 2011 (see below) by logging on to member services (<http://www.cap.ca/services>) and selecting the medal nomination link. Before you start the nomination process, we encourage you to visit the medal page (<http://www.cap.ca/activities/medals-and-awards>) and view the guidelines to see what material is required in support of the nomination.

The deadline for nominations for the 2011 CAP Medals is January 14, 2011. The 2011 CAP Medals are:

*NEW* – CAP-TRIUMF Vogt Medal for Excellence in Subatomic Physics  
CAP Award for Excellence in Teaching High School/ CEGEP Physics  
CAP-DCMMP Brockhouse Medal for Outstanding Contributions in Condensed Matter and Materials Physics)  
CAP-CRM Prize in Theoretical and Mathematical Physics  
CAP Medal for Excellence in Teaching Undergraduate Physics  
CAP-COMP Peter Kirkby Memorial Medal for Outstanding Service to Canadian Physics  
CAP Medal for Outstanding Achievement in Industrial and Applied Physics  
CAP Herzberg Medal (NOTE new criteria now based on years since degree rather than age)  
CAP Medal for Career Achievement in Physics

Consider nominating a worthy colleague to receive one of the upcoming CAP medals.

## Natural Sciences / PEO Activities

The first meeting of the Task Force took place on 2010 November 17. The meeting was quite collegial and most of the time was spent on having the natural science representatives understand the constraints faced by PEO and engineers because of legislative requirements related to engineers working in areas where the public welfare is at risk. Issues related to the expansive definition of engineering principles in the new PEA were certainly addressed, including how this overlaps natural science areas. While details have to be worked out, we remain optimistic that the two groups will reach some agreement on the path forward that will allow both natural scientists and engineers, who work in areas related to the public welfare, to use their training and skills to do so. It might even be possible to at least work out the framework within the next few months.

## Call for Suggestions: 2011-12 CAP Council

The CAP is seeking candidates to fill several positions on Council starting June 2011. We welcome suggestions at any time, but the sooner they are received the more helpful they will be to assist the Nominating Committee in its work. December 10<sup>th</sup> is the cutoff date for early input towards the nominating process for 2011. Positions to be filled include: Vice-President Elect, Director of Student Members (normally CUPC 2011 Chair), Regional Councillors – one for each region (2 year term), to work with councillors who are starting their second year.

## NSERC Liaison Committee

The Committee, at its meeting in June 2010, decided that its structure should be updated to establish representation that better reflects the revised evaluation group topical structure. The new structure, which calls for six CAP representatives, and revised mandate for this Committee, have been approved by NSERC and the CAP and can be found on the CAP's website under "About Us (Committees)".

The CAP office will shortly be issuing a call for nominations for the CAP representatives required for this committee. Representatives must be a member of one of the Divisions represented by the topical group. See website for details.

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