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Nominations for CAP Medals and Awards

Every CAP member is encouraged to nominate deserving colleagues for CAP medals and prizes. The following will be awarded in 2012:

- CAP Medal for Lifetime achievement in Physics
- CAP Herzberg Medal
- CAP-DCMMP Brockhouse Medal
- CAP-CRM Prize in Theoretical and Mathematical Physics
- CAP-INO Medal in Applied Photonics
- CAP-TRIUMF Vogt Medal in Subatomic Physics
- CAP Medal for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching

Online submission forms are available through the [CAP medal page](#). The 2012 deadline is January 15, 2012.

For the third year in 2012, CAP will award five prizes to outstanding High School / Cegep physics teachers in different regions of Canada. Do you know a teacher who possesses an exceptional ability to communicate his or her knowledge and to motivate students? Nominate this teacher, or encourage him or her to self nominate. The deadline is February 13, 2012.

The year 2012 will also see the first award of the CAP-OSAF Stoicheff scholarship to an outstanding graduate student. Stay tuned for more information.

CCR Meets with ADM

Following the Brief it submitted last August to the House of Commons Finance Committee, the Canadian Consortium for Research (CCR) met with Robert Dunlop, Industry Canada Assistant Deputy Minister, and three other senior government officials on November 17th. The CCR delegation was headed by CCR Chair (and CAP Director of Science Policy) Paul Vincett. Detailed discussions took place on the balance between support for basic and more targeted research, the absolute level of Granting Council support, and the fact that some excellent researchers have recently gone unfunded. The meeting was very valuable in terms of hearing the government perspective from some of the people most influential in shaping it, and in terms of presenting the views and concerns of the research community directly to these key people.

Science Performance and Research

Last year the Minister of Industry, on behalf of NSERC, asked the Council of Canadian Academies (CCA) to conduct an assessment on performance indicators for basic research. The objective is to help NSERC to find better ways to compare overall levels of excellence across disciplines. CAP President Michael Roney, with input provided by Director of Academic Affairs John Dutcher and the CAP-NSERC liaison committee, has communicated to the CCA factors that can be incorporated into metrics used to judge the effectiveness of Discovery Grant funding. The CCA Panel is scheduled to provide its report to NSERC in 2012 and CAP will be ready to provide feedback to NSERC on the report when invited to do so.

Jenkins Report

The Independent Panel on Federal Support to Research and Development, chaired by Tom Jenkins, has released its report [Innovation Canada: A Call to Action](#) on October 17, 2011. The report follows from a 2010 federal budget proposal calling for a comprehensive review of federal programs that support business innovation. It makes six broad recommendations, subdivided in more specific ones. The CAP Science Policy Committee is presently studying the report, which was briefly discussed during the CCR meeting with Assistant Deputy Minister Dunlop.

Community News

Any interesting physics news in your area? Let the community know about it by submitting items for this section of CAP News to the [CAP Director of Communications](#).

A new colleague is interested about CAP, and would like to know what the Association does for its members and the physics community? A summary of [CAP Activities and Initiatives](#) is available in the Activities section of the CAP web site.

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