

# The American Association of Physics Teachers (AAPT)

## History & Aims

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The American Association of Physics Teachers is a strong professional physics science society dedicated to the pursuit of excellence in physical science education.

AAPT was established in 1930 with the fundamental goal of ensuring the "dissemination of knowledge of physics, particularly by way of teaching." Founders, Homer L. Dodge, Paul E. Klopsteg, and William S. Webb, led the effort to organize the first association dedicated to improving physics education. Today that vision is supported by members around the world.

## Cooperation with GIREP

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The formal cooperation between AAPT and GIREP was established on January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2014. A detailed documentation can be found in GIREP [Newsletter number 54](#)



### AAPT – GIREP Agreement

The cooperation statement below was passed by the AAPT Committee on International Physics Education at its meeting in Portland, July 2013, by the GIREP Committee, "executive organ" of GIREP, at its meeting in Prague, August 2013, and by the AAPT Executive Board at its meeting in Orlando, FL, January 2014.

Cooperative Agreement:

The American Association of Physics Teachers (AAPT) and the Groupe International de Recherche sur l'Enseignement de la Physique (GIREP) agree to cooperate to promote physics education and physics education research. In particular, the AAPT and GIREP will exchange information through websites and newsletters, send informational posters about each organization's conferences to each other and offer member registration rates at their conferences to members of either organization. Thus, GIREP members will be able to attend AAPT conferences at AAPT member rates and vice versa.

Signed by

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Steven Iona, AAPT President

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marisa Michelini".

Marisa Michelini, President of GIREP

January 22, 2014

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