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International WYP 2005
Physics Talent Search Second Running

Dear Colleague:

On behalf of the International Organizing Committee for the Second WYP2005 Physics Talent Search, it is my pleasure to invite your country to conduct a Talent Search between now and May 2007. **DECEMBER 31, 2006 is the final deadline for registering your country to participate in the second running of the Talent Search.** The Young Physics "Talent Search," was conducted for the first time during WYP 2005. About 12,000 students in 20 countries on five continents participated, with about 1,000 earning national honors, 500 earning International Honorable Mention, and 180 becoming WYP2005 Physics Young Ambassadors. More than 500 volunteer physicists and educators in these countries worked with the students. Over 100 of the Young Ambassadors came together in Taiwan for the world's first International Physics Young Ambassadors Symposium from 31 December 2005 to 4 January 2006.

The second round of the Young Physics Talent Search is underway in many countries, and the international organizers are working on planning and fund-raising for the Second Physics Young Ambassadors Symposium, to be held in July or August 2007, to bring together boys and girls from each of the participating countries. We plan to involve the accompanying adults in a discussion on international education in physics.

The goal of the Physics "Talent Search" is to create enthusiasm, interest, and participation in physics among young people aged 10 to 18 and their families. The overview, guidelines, and registration form are available at <http://www.wyp2005.at/glob2-talent.htm>. To register, please visit the web site, **and** send an email to me (beverly.hartline@earthlink.net) and to Dr. Sonja Draxler (sonja.draxler@uni-graz.at). Please contact any of the country organizers listed for the first Talent Search, if you want to learn from their experiences in the first round. In several countries, volunteer physicists and physics teachers, or government education ministries, or physical societies organized and administered the activity. Physics students at universities can also help with the activities.

For the 2007 "Talent Search" all countries must adhere to the International Guidelines. We hope you will decide to have your country participate. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,



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