The spring meeting at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign was themed “From High School to College - Bridging the Gap”. Morten Lundsgaard, the chair of the meeting writes –

Some 85 participants helped make the Spring 2016 meeting a lively event with great presentations from students and faculty that inspired rich discussions, on-the-spot development of experiments to test claims made during talks, and took us through the physics of solar neutrinos, Higgs boson, and gravitational waves. The presentations addressed current physics research and research on the teaching of physics, in this way covering both the “P” and the “T” in AAPT. The slides from the presentations of the invited speakers are available from the meeting’s website.

Thanks not just to invited speakers, but to all who presented; remember, sharing your ideas and thoughts about teaching or the latest findings of your research whether it is “hard core” physics or the teaching of physics, is what our meetings are all about – we all want to hear what you are doing, because you are doing great things! So, now is a good time to think of what you want to present at the Fall 2016 Meeting at Bradley University!

It was very encouraging to, for the first time I believe, have high school students presenting at the meeting. The students from Paris High School did tremendously in presenting their studies of light and sound from different sources using the IOLab for the data collection.

Equally encouraging were all the exciting and well prepared presentations in the student symposium, and the judges of the symposium had tough
decisions to make when choosing the winners. In the end, the first prize went to Samantha Norris (ISU), second prize to Annabelle Shaffer (ISU), and third prize to Kyle Robinson (EIU), but all students and their advisors can be proud of their work!

The “Online Mastery Homework” workshop and the two “IOLab – a multi-sensor device” workshops were well attended with some thirty participants in total. Thanks to Brianne Gutmann, Kathrine Ansell, and Eric Martell for organizing the workshops!

Andrew Morrison, of Joliet Junior College, receiving the 2016 Distinguished Service Citation.

At the Banquet, Andrew Morrison of Joliet Junior College received the Distinguished Service Citation from President Rick Ross — congratulations Andrew, it is well deserved!

Thanks to all participants for making it a joy to host the Spring 2016 meeting and see you all at the Fall 2016 Meeting at Bradley University!

For more information or details about the meeting, see the meeting website: http://helios.augustana.edu/isaapt/s16/isaapt.html

Higher Education Institution Day at the 2016 Illinois State Fair

The ISAAPT has been invited by the Illinois American Chemical Society (ACS) to participate in Higher Education Institution Day at the 2016 Illinois State Fair. A Science Tent will provide space for activities and demonstrations by those organizations who wish to attract public interest. I suggest that participation in this event will serve at least one goal of the ISAAPT – recruitment. With that in mind, I have reserved a table and time slots on Friday, August 19th for six members of ISAAPT (anticipating at least two people per shift). The time slots for the day are 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM; 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM; and 3:30 PM to 7:30 PM. Please consider taking part in this worthwhile event and contact me at r.ross@rockvalleycollege.edu if you would like to participate. More detailed information about the event can be found at http://chicagoacs.net/statefair/index.html

- Rick Ross, ISAAPT President

Future ISAAPT Meetings

• Fall 2016 – Bradley University, Peoria, IL
• Spring 2017 – Apr 7- 8, Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, IL
• Fall 2017 – Oct 13-14, Rockford University, Rockford, IL

Chicago section meetings

• Spring 2016 – April 30, Chicago State University.
• Fall 2016 – open

More information: https://sites.google.com/site/chicagoaapt/

Future national AAPT meetings
• 2016 Summer Meeting, July 16-20
  (Sacramento, California)
    • High School Teachers Day
      A special day has been prepared on
      Monday, July 18 for high school physics
      teachers that have never attended a
      national AAPT Meeting. Qualified
      teachers will receive a discounted
      registration fee of $85. Please click here
      for more information.
• 2017 Winter Meeting, February 18-21 (Atlanta,
  Georgia)
• 2017 Summer Meeting, July 22-26 (Cincinnati,
  Ohio)
• 2018 Winter Meeting, January 6-9 (San Diego,
  California)
• 2018 Summer Meeting, July 28-August 1
  (Washington, DC)
• 2019 Winter Meeting, January 12-15 (Houston,
  Texas)

More information:
  http://www.aapt.org/Conferences/meetings.cfm

APS Prairie section meeting
• Fall 2016 – to be announced

More information:
  http://www.aps.org/units/psaps/index.cfm

AAPT NEWS eNNOUNCER
http://www.aapt.org/aboutaapt/ennouncer/index.cfm

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  http://helios.augustana.edu/isaapt/listserv-isaapt.html

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                  American Association of Physics Teachers”
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ISAAPT Guidebook Program
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Outstanding High School Physics Teacher Award

Jack Marino of Maine South High School, Park Ridge, IL,
was presented with the 2014-2015 Outstanding High School Physics
Teacher award by Morten Lundsgaard, past president of ISAAPT, at
the 2015 Fall meeting at Millikin University.

The 2015-2016 award will be presented to Martha
Lietz, Niles West High School, Skokie, Illinois at
the 2016 Fall meeting at Bradley University.

The award for Outstanding High School Physics Teacher is presented at our Fall meetings. Fellow
teachers and school administrators who are aware of
exceptional performance and enthusiastic student
response are encouraged to fill out the online nomination Form on the ISAAPT website.
Please note that the deadline for receiving
nominations for the 2016-2017 academic year
is February 3, 2017. Those who are nominated will
be notified by email from Don Reid, the chair of the award committee, and asked to fill out the online Candidate Information Form. The deadline for receiving the candidate information is March 3, 2017. The teacher who is selected will be notified and presented with the award at the 2017 fall meeting of the Section.

Previous nominations will be maintained for three years for consideration for future awards.

**Call for Nominations for the 2016 Distinguished Service Citation**

The distinguished service citation recognizes outstanding contributions to the field of physics teaching in the state of Illinois. Special recognition is given in the areas of:

- leadership of colleagues and students through physics teaching
- professional contributions to section activities through contributed papers, workshop presentation, committee service, or elective office
- distinguished service at the teacher's home institution.

Andrew Morrison of Joliet Junior College received the 2016 Distinguished Service Citation (photo on page 2) at the 2016 Spring meeting.

Each year, the ISAAPT Executive Council solicits nominations for the Distinguished Service Citation. We invite and encourage you to nominate a fellow colleague for the 2016 Distinguished Service Citation to be presented at the Fall ISAAPT meeting. **Please send your nomination to Don Reid** (dreid@panhandleschools.com) **by December 1, 2016**. The guidelines and procedures for the citation can be found in our website, isaapt.org.