

Award honors Goeppert-Mayer, recognizes women physicists

APS has established a major new award to honor Maria Goeppert-Mayer, who with J. Hans Jensen and Eugene P. Wigner received the 1963 Nobel Prize in Physics for discoveries concerning the nuclear shell structure (see *PHYSICS TODAY*, February 1982, page 46). The Maria Goeppert-Mayer Award is sponsored by the General Electric Foundation and was formally established at the APS Executive Committee meeting in Aspen on 20-21 June 1985.

The purpose of the new award is "to

recognize and enhance outstanding achievement by a woman physicist in the early years of her career and to provide opportunities for her to present these achievements to others through public lectures." The award will be made annually at an APS meeting. It consists of \$2000 plus a \$3000 travel allowance to enable the recipient to give lectures in her field of physics at four institutions of her choice and at the APS meeting where the award is made.

The first award will be made at the April 1986 APS meeting in Washington. Women of any nationality are eligible, and the lectures may be given at institutions in any country within two years after the award is made.

Members of the selection committee are: Mildred S. Dresselhaus, chairman (MIT); Elizabeth U. Baranger (University of Pittsburgh); Charles P. Bean (GE); Phyllis S. Freier (University of Minnesota); and Stanley G. Wojcicki (Stanford University).



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Nominations sought

The selection committee for the 1986 Maria Goeppert-Mayer Award invites nominations from the physics community. The deadline for receipt of suggestions is 1 December 1985. Please send nominations directly to Mildred S. Dresselhaus, Room 13-3005, MIT, Cambridge, MA 02139.

Groups sponsor matching grants for foreign memberships

A 1983 APS Council motion provides that complimentary APS memberships can be offered to deserving physicists in countries where foreign exchange is a critical problem. The memberships are made on a matching grant basis, whereby the sponsor of the physicist pays half the membership fee and APS pays the other half. The memberships include the privilege of buying APS journals at the normal member rates. This policy applies both to the regular dues, which are now \$40 per year, and to the lifetime membership, which is \$480.

This matching grant arrangement has been helpful to many physicists in developing and eastern bloc countries. Sponsorship for these matching grants has been provided by many individual APS members and by foundations and other organizations. For example, the International Centre for Theoretical Physics in Trieste has sponsored APS memberships and journals for about 35

physicists in developing countries under this APS program.

The Scientists and Engineers Emigrant Fund, the Committee of Concerned Scientists, the Kosciuszko Foundation, and other individuals and foundations have been especially helpful in sponsoring matching grant arrangements for physicists in the eastern bloc.

The Foundation for Scientific Cooperation with Vietnam has sponsored APS journals and dues for a few Vietnamese physicists.

The APS Committee on the International Freedom of Scientists, the Subcommittee on International Scientific Affairs of the APS Panel on Public Affairs, and the APS International Physics Group perform major roles in facilitating these matching grant arrangements for deserving physicists.

Individuals and organizations are encouraged to make tax-deductible contributions to APS in support of this

program. The donor may either recommend a recipient or leave it to the Society to make choices in consultation with CIFS, SISA or IPG.

Please send your contributions or suggestions to: The APS International Physics Development Fund, c/o Harry Lustig, APS Treasurer, 335 East 45th Street, New York, NY 10017.

Education papers solicited for winter meeting

The APS Committee on Education, in cooperation with AAPT, is organizing one or more sessions on pre-college physics education at the Atlanta meeting on 27-30 January 1986. Contributed papers are solicited. Please send them to Harry Lustig, APS, 335 East 45th Street, New York, NY 10017. The deadline is 18 October 1985. □