

AIP CENTENNIAL VISION

2026-2030

Our vision is of a better world shaped in part by a physical sciences enterprise that is welcoming and filled with opportunity and success.

As AIP approaches its Centenary in 2031, the science community faces renewed complexity: the frontiers of discovery intersect with urgent societal challenges and workforce pathways are evolving in real time.

Our mission calls us to build on our strengths, extending our reach and impact as a champion of science. We see AIP as a unifying force within the diverse physical sciences enterprise: convening communities, enabling action, and stimulating ideas.

Our overarching strategy is that AIP catalyzes and strengthens positive change in the physical sciences enterprise by advancing the success of our Member Organizations and empowering our community with content, context, and connection.

F – Federation

Goal: AIP is a vibrant federation that advances the success of its community of Member Organizations by providing content, context, and connection.

Strategic Objectives:

1. Strengthen Partnership with AIP Member Societies
2. Broaden the Reach and Impact of the Whole Federation
3. Showcase Member Organization Offerings
4. Enhance AIP's Culture of Membership
5. Pursue and Promote Focused International Partnerships

I – Institute

Goal: AIP empowers and catalyzes positive change in the physical sciences by advancing understanding of the enterprise through research and analysis in public policy, social science, demographic trends, and the historical context of our disciplines.

Strategic Objectives:

1. Discover and Advance Approaches to Dismantling Systemic Barriers to Opportunity
2. Create and Disseminate Research-based Narratives to Inform Decision Making
3. Preserve and Interpret our Discipline's History
4. Leverage Knowledge and Research Platforms

We believe that together we go further.

As both a federation of disparate organizations and an independent institute for research and analysis, AIP empowers our Member Organizations (Member Societies and AIP Affiliates) and physical sciences professionals across disciplines and career stages.

AIP is a place for coming together, a platform for collaboration, dialogue, and discovery. A place that moves the physical sciences—and humanity—forward.

R – Reputation

Goal: AIP is a trusted, authoritative, and independent voice within the physical sciences, providing content, context, and connection.

Strategic Objectives:

1. Maintain a Rigorous and Inclusive Editorial Identity
2. Amplify the AIP and Member Organization Brands
3. Be Known as an Inclusive Bridge-builder
4. Champion the Voices of Undergraduates and Early-career Professionals
5. Empower Physical Scientists to Engage Broader Audiences

E – Excellence

Goal: AIP is recognized for its commitment to operational excellence, staff and volunteer engagement, and long-term sustainability, delivering expertise, content, and value to our stakeholders.

Strategic Objectives:

1. Strengthen the AIP Stakeholder Experience
2. Integrate Operational Excellence, Risk Management, and Continuous Learning
3. Elevate the Employee Experience
4. Ensure Long-term Financial Sustainability

This Centennial Vision reflects a philosophy of strategic continuity: strengthening what works, extending what is emerging, and aligning institutional identity with long-term success. Achieving this Centennial Vision for AIP will position the Institute to thrive as we launch our second century of mission-driven impact.

