

EPS sponsored workshop at GIREP-EPEC.



Specialist Physics Teacher Shortages and the Preparation of School Leavers for Further Study

The European Physical Society is pleased to announce sponsorship of a workshop at the forthcoming GIREP-EPEC conference (<http://girep2015.ifd.uni.wroc.pl/>), 6-10 July 2015, Wroclaw, Poland to address the issue of teacher shortages and preparation of school leavers for further study in physics. There is growing anecdotal evidence that problems exist across most, if not all, of Europe and the aim of the workshop is to try to gather that evidence together and stimulate further discussion and collaboration.

Ten travel bursaries of up to 200 Euros each are available to participants who would like to provide evidence within Europe generally or within individual countries of one or more of the following:

1. Concerns about standards in physics and maths education, preferably supported by data (perhaps studies on PISA or TIMSS);
2. Concerns about the state of physics teaching and the supply of physics teachers, also supported by data if possible
3. Where physics teachers are in short supply, what are the effects of this on pupil education?

The workshop will be run in conjunction with Horizons of Physics Education (HOPE: http://www.eps.org/default.asp?page=edu_hope) and will aim to further our understanding of teacher shortages and their effects on pupils across Europe.

Further information about the travel grants is available from the Chair of the Physics Education Division of the EPS, David Sands (d.sands@hull.ac.uk). Please note that the last date for registration at the conference is 15th June and ideally applications should be made before this date.