EUROPEAN PHYSICAL SOCIETY

Dear President of the French Physical Society, Prof. Catherine Langlais,

Re: Invitation to attend the European Physical Society training session on "Building Advocacy Capacity"

The European Physical Society would like to offer to representatives of its Member Societies the possibility to attend a training session on "Building Advocacy Capacity". This training course will present the essential elements of effective advocacy, designed specifically for EPS members. It will cover how to approach policy at the local, national and European levels.

Even though the initial training session has been postponed, the EPS would like to be able to take the time during the coronavirus confinement to identify the individual from your society who would attend the training session. This will allow us to quickly organize the training sessions once the disruptions caused by the pandemic have been resolved.

Each EPS Member Society may designate one individual to attend the training session. Individuals attending the training session must undertake to organize, in their own country, at least five meetings in the 2-year period following the training session to explain the essential elements of effective advocacy to other researchers. Individuals attending the training session are also expected to write a short report, for the EPS and for their Member Society.

EPS Member Societies are encouraged to send motivated individuals who are passionate about science policy to the training session. The individuals should be good communicators, with extensive personal and/or professional networks to be able to transfer the best practice in advocacy to other interested researchers. Please be aware that there are only 30 places in this training session.

Each Member Society may only send one person to the training session. Places will be reserved on a first come, first served basis, so we encourage you to find your Society's representative as quickly as possible. In order to attend, please have your Society's delegate fill in the form that can be found here: https://www.eps.org/page/traintheTrainersSession

The EPS will offer to each participant from EPS Member Societies:

- 2 days training session how to communicate with decision makers
- 2 nights in a hotel
- meals (during the training sessions)
- travel costs
- material for making presentations following training

We look forward to receiving applications from motivated individuals no later than 31st May 2020.

Thank you in advance for your help in identifying the motivated individuals to attend this training session.

Yours sincerely,

Prof. Dr. Petra Rudolf

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