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Dear colleagues,

with this email we would like to update you regarding the activities of the Biological Physics division of the German Physical Society (DPG). In particular, we would like to issue a call for proposals for the organization of the annual meeting 2012.

The division of Biological Physics (BP) belongs to the Condensed Matter section (SKM), which had its annual meeting this year from March 13-18, 2011 in Dresden. Due to the joint organization with the Atomic Physics section (SAMOP), this year's meeting had close to 8.000 participants and many parallel sessions. Nevertheless, it appears that most participants enjoyed it a lot. We thank everybody who contributed with talks, posters or discussions to a very interesting and lively meeting. We also would like to thank Christoph Schmidt from Göttingen for two years of great service as speaker of BP. In addition, we congratulate Mathias Kolle from Cambridge, who won the SKM dissertation prize with his work on "Photonic structures inspired by nature".

For the next two years, Ulrich Schwarz from Heidelberg will serve as new speaker. The member assembly at the annual meeting has also elected two deputy speakers, namely Claudia Veigel from Munich and Stefan Diez from Dresden. For more information on BP, visit our website

<http://www.dpg-physik.de/dpg/gliederung/fv/bp/index.html>

For your convenience, we note the dates for the upcoming annual meetings:

2012 March 25-30 Berlin

2013 March 10-15 Regensburg

2014 March 31 – April 4 Dresden

For the annual SKM meeting 2012 at Berlin we expect around 5.000 participants. The first organizational meeting for the preparation of the meeting will take place in early July. Therefore we welcome any suggestions for sessions or plenary speakers **until Monday June 27**. We will not be able to consider proposals that arrive later than that.

BP will organize at least one symposium which is advertised to all divisions ("fachverbandsübergreifendes Symposium"). Depending on the quality of the received proposals and the selection process inside SKM, we might organize more of these symposia, either as lead organizers or as co-organizers with other divisions (like e.g. chemical physics, CPP, dynamics and statistics, DY, or social-economic systems, SOE). Such a symposium typically covers 2.5 hours and has up to five invited speakers. If you want to organize one of these symposia, please send us a proposal in PDF-format which is no longer than 1 page, contains a brief description of the subject, a list of possible speakers and a list of related divisions. We also welcome suggestions for focussed sessions within BP ("fachinternes Symposium"), for tutorials, for plenary speakers and for the speaker of the public evening lecture.

Please send your suggestions by email within the June 27 deadline to

dpgbp@thphys.uni-heidelberg.de

An important element of the annual meeting is the competition for the SKM dissertation prize. We encourage supervisors to nominate this academic year's outstanding PhDs from their groups. The deadline for nomination is early November, with the selection for the finalists taking place in December.

If you have contacts to companies or publishing houses related to biological physics, you might want to encourage them to present themselves at the annual meeting (e.g. in the job market series) or to sponsor special activities (e.g. beverages and food for the poster sessions).

Finally, we would like to encourage everybody to check if he/she is already member of the biological physics division within DPG. It is important that researchers who are active in this field are also members of our division. Note that you can be member of two divisions simultaneously. To make changes to your membership details, please follow this link:

<https://www.dpg-physik.de/mitgliedschaft/formulare/aendern.html>

Please feel free to forward this email to anyone who might be interested.

Looking forward to your suggestions and with best regards,

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