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## DPG Council Election

The success of the Physics of Socio-Economic Systems Division (Φ·SOE) in the past has largely profited from the support of our activities by the Council of the German Physical Society (DPG). Your votes will be equally important for the future success of our division. The DPG should receive your ballots by September 15, 2009.

It is worth noting that the list of candidates also includes the founding member and first chairman of the previous DPG working group "Physics of Socio-Economic Systems", Prof. Dr. Dr. Frank Schweitzer, who has been active in the council already in the past.

### Recent Features in Nature and Science

Many of you may have noticed that Nature and Science have featured the areas of computational social science, network science, and agent-based modeling recently — areas in which the Φ·SOE has traditionally been very active. This can be considered as a great success and a sign that the best times of our field are still to come. It is also a result of the current economic crises, which obviously calls for new scientific approaches and solutions. The links on the left will give you a better impression.

### National Contact Points

The Physics of Socio-Economic Systems division is planning to use this historical constellation to improve the funding opportunities, career perspectives for junior scientists, and institutional settings of our field (e.g. to ensure a fair treatment of interdisciplinary contributions by Physical Review Letters and Funding Organizations). For this purpose, we are planning to build up a network of national contact points, consisting of established senior and junior



Martin A. Nowak (second right) before his public evening lecture on "The emergence of cooperation" during the last DPG Spring Meeting in Dresden.

scientists. The idea is to have local "ambassadors", who help to improve the information flows between each country's scientific community and the international community. The network shall develop strategic international activities and identify upcoming trends and promising new research areas. Information about Awards, Funding Opportunities and Job Openings shall be circulated more efficiently, in order to provide better career perspectives in the field. Further activities will be based on input from the community.

### Your News is Our News

Our community builds on your initiative. The Φ·SOE newsletter mainly serves to close the feedback loop. Therefore, please send us your news, ideas, conference announcement, job openings, etc., and visit our webpage regularly. For example, our list of international events is continuously updated (see our [event section](#)), we are creating a Complexity Science Portal, and there are many other initiatives, which you are welcome to contribute to. Active cooperation is our road to success ... Thank you very much for your input and commitment!

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