

0.1 VISITING SCIENTISTS FROM ABROAD

1. Dr H. P. Thamm, (Bonn Chuvanky University; Germany).
2. Prof. S. T. Ali, (Concordia University, Montreal, Canada).
3. Prof. V. Rivasseau, (Université Paris Sud XI, Orsay, France)
4. Prof. K. Tchakpélé, (Université de Lomé, Togo).
5. Prof. T. Assih, (Université de Lomé, Togo).
6. Prof. K. Napo, (Université de Lomé, Togo).
7. Prof. M. Lobelle, (catholic University of Louvain, Belgium)
8. Prof. K. Kangni, (University of Cocody, Ivory Cost).
9. Dr Unanaowo Nyong Basse (University of Ibadan,Ibadan, Nigeria)
10. Mr Amou Komi Apélé (PhD student, university of Lome, Togo)
11. Mr Kokou Mensah (PhD student, university of Lome, Togo)
12. Miss Maleka Koumbemba Edwige Josette (PhD student, University Cheikh Anta Diop Dakar Senegal)
13. Mr Foutse Momo (PhD student, University of Yaounde1, Cameroon)
14. Mr Kana Zeumo vivien (PhD student, Universty of Ouagadougou)
15. Dr Liz Moyer (Harvard University, USA)

0.2 NEW COLLABORATIONS

Plans were discussed regarding the creation of a multi-university doctoral and master's programme, which would ultimately involve the universities of Abomey-Calavi, Lomé, Cocody, Ibadan, Rwanda, Paris-7, Paris-XI, Louvain-la-Neuve and Concordia University. The idea is to set up a mechanism for joint supervision of theses and some faculty exchange. This would lead to the creation of a region-wide network of excellence, based in ICMPA, Cotonou (Benin).

1 ICMPA PROGRAMMES

1.1 ICMPA GRANT PROGRAMME FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS 2006

This programme intends to help the best undergraduate students with limited means and who need assistance to pursue their studies in African Universities. For 2006, this programme has permitted to support 6 students of the Université d'Abomey-Calavi for which the grants have been renewed. So, the 2006 fellows are:

1. Alia Didier Yelognissé (Benin);
2. Anago E. K. Romual (Benin);
3. Faton Elfried Grita Fifa (Benin);
4. Godonou S. Parfait (Benin);
5. Koto N’Gobi Gabien (Benin).

The ICMIPA Grant Programme for Undergraduate Students (The ICMIPA-GPUS) is currently sponsored by Professor Odon Vallet Foundation (France).

1.2 ICMIPA RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS 2006

In 2006, PhD fellowships granted by the International Abdus Salam Centre for Theoretical Physics (ICTP) under the contract ref: Prj-15, for a maximum of three years, have been renewed for four ICMIPA PhD students. The beneficiaries PhD students are the following:

1. Ben Geloun Joseph (from Senegal);
2. Mahaman Kabir Mahaman (from Niger);
3. Anjorin Aderibigbe (from Nigeria);
4. Ngompe Nkouankam Elvis (from Cameroon).

Besides, postdoctoral fellows have been also renewed for young PhD selected in 2005, supported by ICTP under the same contract for two years plus one. The beneficiaries are the following:

1. Dr Baloïtcha Ezinvi (from Benin);
2. Dr Massamba Fortuné (from Congo-Brazzaville).

Note that, Dr Massamba, who succeeded in obtaining a permanent position in the University of Bostwana, left his postdoctoral position in April to join his new job. Consequently, the ICMIPA administration took this opportunity to allocate the remaining funds from Dr Massamba postdoctoral position to partially support the stay fees of visiting Professors from Ivory Cost (Professor K. Kangni for four months) and Nigeria (Professor U. N. Bassey for four months). A part of their stay fees as well as facilities for ICMIPA PhD training programmes and postdoctoral research positions have been supported by the Daniel Iagolnitzer Foundation.

Finally, limited actions, have been developed in benefit of Ph.D students of the Institut de Mathématiques et de Sciences Physiques and local researchers from University of Abomey-Calavi. These actions have mainly consisted in providing computer facilities, technical support and registration fees to the second COPROMAPH International School.

1.3 SCHOOLS AND WORKSHOPS

The Second COPROMAPH International School (December 11th - December 16th, 2006) has been sponsored by the following institutions:

1. IHES-Schlumberger Foundation Program (France);
2. The UNESCO-US State Department through the International Basic Science Programme (IBSP) under the Contract No: 450003866;
3. Local sponsors, the ICMIPA and Benin Government (they provided technical support for participant transportation, and partial living costs).