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An Appeal

Dear Colleagues,

The year 2016 brings Indian Physics Association (IPA) to the forty sixth year of its existence. The Association has nearly 3500 members under 45 Chapters spread all across the country. The activities of the Association have been carried out by a small but dedicated group of volunteers who, in spite of their professional commitments, have spent quality time on taking the Association forward and conduct several activities to fulfill the objectives with which the IPA was founded. As you are aware, the association has instituted several awards to honour senior, young and budding physicists and also conducts lectures for the benefit of physics teachers and researchers.

The Association has been publishing its quarterly bulletin "Physics News" for the last forty five years. The intention of the founding fathers of the association was to establish a magazine along the pattern of "Physics Today". The articles in this journal are written by active physicists at a level which can be understood and appreciated by physicists working in diverse areas of physics. Some of the articles have a pedagogical value and are appropriate for research scholars. Some of the special issues, such as, those on the occasion of the birth centenary of Homi Bhabha and the 150th birth anniversary of Sir J. C. Bose, have been termed as "collectors' items" by the physics community.

While the expenditure on awards and lectures conducted by IPA are supported by generous earmarked endowments, unfortunately, there has not been any such provision for publishing 'Physics News'. In the past, the publication used to receive partial funding from government bodies, though the amount of funding was never sufficient to bring out the journal the way it was intended. As a result, the publication of 'Physics News' became irregular and was almost on the point of extinction in the early part of the last decade. In the year 2009, a fresh attempt was made to revive the journal with financial support from the 'Centre of Advanced Research and Education' of the Saha Institute of Nuclear Physics, Kolkata until March 2012. This provided the impetus to completely overhaul the quality of the journal. The revival also brought out the fact that our physicists are prepared to spend time for writing popular articles in their fields of research.

During the last few years, generous support from the 'Board of Research in Nuclear Sciences', Department of Atomic Energy, is sustaining the regular publication of Physics News. However, a more permanent solution is needed to ensure sufficient funds for uninterrupted publication. With this in view, the Executive Committee of IPA had decided in the year 2011 to launch an appeal to its members and well wishers requesting for generous donation for this noble cause. It was aimed to establish a corpus of not less than Rs one crore. Even if this target is not fully met, the corpus would give us certain amount of comfort and the shortfall can always be met through government agencies.

I request you to kindly consider giving a generous donation for the above purpose.

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- P.S. (1) Cheques/Drafts in favour of 'Indian Physics Association' may be sent to the General Secretary, IPA.
(2) Donations to IPA are exempt from Income tax under Section 80G for which a certificate will be issued.
(3) Names of donors will be published in 'Physics News' (any request for anonymity will be honoured).