

Letter from the Editor

As a rule, the *Revista Mexicana de Física* classifies its articles as: *Research, Instrumentation, Reviews and Comments*. Nonetheless every once in a while we include special sections that may be of special interest to our readers. We have one of those sections in this number. We titled it “Radiation Physics” for, as our Associate Editor Efraín R. Chávez L. explains it below, the articles material was presented in the “VIII International Symposium on Radiation Physics”. All papers went through the usual review process by specialized, independent, anonymous referees and fulfilled the requirements established for a published paper in the *Revista Mexicana de Física*.

On the other hand, and as a continuation of this letter, we include (pages 282-288) some statistics that we considered would be of interest to our readers, as they give a good idea about the scope and importance of the *Revista Mexicana de Física* in the Mexican and Latin American Physical Science community.

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Chief Editor.

The material on this number’s section “Radiation Physics” was presented during the “VIII International Symposium on Radiation Physics” which took place April 4th-7th 2011, in the city of Cuernavaca, Morelos, Mexico. The Symposium was held in memory of Joseph Salomon (1955-2009), French scientist known by his contributions to the use of particle accelerators (AIGAE and ARTEMIS) and to the study of Human History and cultural valuable objects.

Although the Symposium covered a wider variety, the selected articles cover subjects such as: Fast neutron production, detection and applications; Environmental radiation characterization and its practical applications; Ion beam analysis (PIXE, RBS, NRA, ERDA) of different materials; Neutron and gamma irradiation in interdisciplinary research; Development of new detection devices and active materials as well as Atomic and nuclear fundamental research.

We want to acknowledge the great work of the members of the Organizing Committee of the Symposium, chaired by Corina Solís, and the generous contribution of our sponsors: CONACYT, UNAM and CIMAV.

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