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Biophysical Society Endorses March for Science

Biophysical Society (BPS) President Lukas Tamm announced that the Society's Council unanimously approved BPS partnering with the March for Science, a non-partisan grassroots event that is taking place in Washington, DC, and around the world on April 22, 2017.

"It is an incredible opportunity for scientists from all disciplines, including biophysics, to come together throughout the world to raise awareness of the importance and impact of science in everyone's lives, to articulate how science and scientific reasoning is the driving force in improving health, providing economic growth, and developing sound public policy.

The Society's values of scientific excellence, integrity and transparency, diversity and inclusivity, and community building align well with the goals of the March. Science is a global, collaborative endeavor requiring a diversity of perspectives. It relies on data-driven analyses to make sound decisions. And, as Enrique M. De La Cruz, winner of the 2017 Emily Gray Award in Education, told the young travel award winners in New Orleans, as scientists we are bound to seek the truth, speak the truth, and speak for the truth. The March is an opportunity for all of us to engage in this effort in a celebratory event.

The March also falls well within the Society's ongoing efforts to help its members become better at communicating science to non-scientists and policy makers and to become better advocates for the field of biophysics. In addition to scientists, the March will attract many who may not have been trained in science, but are curious and interested in learning about what we do and why. Still in the planning stages are numerous outreach and hands-on activities in which March participants will be able to participate.

The Society hopes that the March will serve as the starting point for additional BPS members to engage throughout the year with the public and elected officials on the important role science plays in the economy, health, and sustainability of all nations.

The Biophysical Society, founded in 1958, is a professional, scientific Society established to encourage development and dissemination of knowledge in biophysics. The Society promotes growth in this expanding field through its annual meeting, monthly journal, and committee and outreach activities. Its 8500 members are located throughout the U.S. and the world, where they teach and conduct research in colleges, universities, laboratories, government agencies, and industry.

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