To assist in the worldwide development of physics, to foster international cooperation in physics, and to help in the application of physics toward solving problems of concern to humanity.

Aims:
- to stimulate and promote international cooperation in physics;
- to sponsor suitable international meetings and to assist organizing committees;
- to promote international agreements on other use of symbols, units, nomenclature and standards;
- to foster free circulation of scientists; to encourage research and education.

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