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SPS Zone 2 Regional Meeting (Remote Meeting via Zoom)

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Dear Colleague:

Enclosed is a poster publicizing the 39th Annual Rochester Symposium for Physics, Astronomy, and Optics Students (RSPS). The Symposium will be held on Saturday March 20, 2021, hosted by the Department of Physics and Astronomy, University of Rochester. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, this year's symposium will be held remotely via a zoom video meeting. We are pleased to announce that RSPS will serve as the Zone 2 Regional Meeting of the Society of Physics Students (SPS) for New York, Ontario, and Quebec. We would appreciate it if you could post this poster and inform others in your department of the event, particularly undergraduate students in the physical sciences who might be interested in submitting abstracts.

The Symposium is a one-day meeting at which undergraduate students give fifteen-minute presentations on research projects in physics, astronomy, optics, and related fields. Usually there is sufficient interest to include a poster session. The subject matter is quite diverse, covering such areas as condensed matter, astronomy, nuclear physics, laser and optical physics, instrumentation and computers, acoustics, environmental physics, atomic physics, medical and biological physics, and particle physics. The format of the Symposium sessions is similar to that of APS meetings, except somewhat less formal.

To register for the symposium, visit the RSPS 2021 homepage at

<http://www.pas.rochester.edu/news-events/rspi/2021/>

and click on the "Registration" link. Registration is a required step for all faculty, presenters, and non-presenters. Undergraduate students planning to attend and present at the symposium also need to take another step and click on the "Submit Abstract" link on the RSPS 2021 homepage to submit their abstract. There is no fee associated as the symposium is being held online only. The deadline for registration and abstract submission is **February 19, 2021**.

For further information and questions, please email: Linda Cassidy, Undergraduate Program Coordinator, RSPS, Department of Physics and Astronomy, lcassidy@pas.rochester.edu.

We hope students and faculty at your institution will participate. Abstracts must be received by **February 19, 2021**.

Sincerely,

Frank L. H. Wolfs, Chair RSPS