TAAPT Annual Meeting  
March 26-27, 2010, UT Martin

The meeting will start with registration and social hour beginning at 5:00 PM, Friday, March 26, in Room 206, Boling University Center of UT Martin. The banquet dinner will be in the same room and will begin at 6:00 PM. After the dinner, the meeting will move to Watkins Auditorium for a public presentation at 7:30 PM by Dr. Julien Sprott, our keynote speaker and the guest of the UT Martin Academic Speaker Program. The regular session on Saturday will resume in Room 230 with breakfast and registration at 7:00 AM, followed by opening remarks at 8:00 AM and presentations. We anticipate that the meeting will end around 4:30 PM on Saturday.

The conference will provide a forum for faculty, teachers, and students to present, discuss, share, and demonstrate their research and teaching methods. We encourage both high school and college/university students to attend and to make poster presentations on their research projects. Abstracts are also required for the poster presentations.

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Call for Papers and Abstracts
We are soliciting contributions in the form of presentations and poster sessions for the TAAPT Winter meeting that will take place at UT Martin. Applications for both forms should include abstracts. Abstracts should include: the title, presenter(s), affiliation, address, phone and fax number, e-mail addresses. Abstracts must be fewer than 200 words. The titles of the abstracts are limited to 15 words. Abstract should be sent using the online Abstract Submission Form to which there will be a link through the meeting web page. In the event that the link is broken, please submit the abstract as an e-mail attachment to C. Erkal, cerkal@utm.edu. The presentations will be restricted to 10 minutes with 3 minutes for questions. Abstract on physics and astronomy research, pedagogy and classroom demonstrations will be accepted until Monday, March 15, 2010.
Attending the meeting and registration
Registration is also online at the meeting web site address provided above. If you are using the surface mail or e-mail to register or submit abstracts, registration information including your name, mailing address, e-mail address, and the names of any person attending with you should be sent to cerkal@utm.edu or to the mailing address provided above. Abstract/presentation is not required for attendance. Registration fee/annual dues of $5.00 should be paid at the door. Please include the number of Friday evening dinners with your e-mail.

Cost
UT Martin has made arrangements to offset the cost of Friday dinner and the snacks for Saturday. As of the date of this announcement, we also anticipate to cover Saturday lunch. If there is a cost for Saturday lunch, it will not exceed $8.00. Reservations for the Friday dinner are required by March 15, 2010. If you are submitting an abstract via e-mail or by surface mail, please include the reservation information on your e-mail.

Parking
Parking permits will be provided during registration. Free parking will be available at the University Center parking area.

Membership and Mailing Questions
Please address any membership or mailing questions to Kathy Daniel, Secretary/Tresurer of TAAPT with an email to kcdohs@comcast.net

Posters
Posters should be standard conference posters, about 36“x48“ (we will be flexible). Posters will be posted the morning of the workshop for viewing during breaks. There will also be a special time allocated for viewing posters in the afternoon. A panel of judges will determine the top posters for which there will be monetary awards for the top two presentations for both high school and college/university category. After the submission of the abstracts, some poster presenters may be invited to give an oral presentation during the regular paper session.

Nominations and prizes
Please send me the names of teachers you would like to nominate for the Outstanding High School Teacher award. There will be awards for the top student poster presentations.
Accommodations
Several hotels are serving the area. However, please make your reservations as soon as possible since there are several activities that are taking place on campus. Hampton Inn negotiations went as far as getting the $70 government rate for only a few rooms; otherwise, their rate is $84.00+ tax according to the manager. I will be listing below all hotels that are very close to campus.

Hampton Inn
5575 Skyhawk Parkway
Martin, TN 38237
(731) 587-5800
www.hamptoninn.com,
only a few rooms at government rate $70, regular rates $84 + tax

Days Inn
800 University St.
Martin, TN 38237 US
(731) 587-9577
www.daysinn.com
$50 + tax

Econo Lodge
853 University St.
Martin, TN 38237
(731) 587-4241
www.econolodge.com