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Dear all,

have you heard about the International Day of Women and Girls in Science? The United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution in December 2015 and declared February 11th as the International Day of Women and Girls in Science. This date should be recognised as a global celebration on equal participation and the accomplishments of female scientists; see www.un.org/en/events/women-and-girls-in-science-day.

IPPOG has decided to launch Masterclass activities on the International Day of Women and Girls in Science. Institutes are encouraged to arrange a special Masterclass event for girls only. With this event we plan to support and promote the access of women and girls to science education and research activities.

The programme on the International Day of Women and Girls in Science will follow the usual Masterclass agenda. We will arrange videoconferences with female scientists as moderators, where participants can meet role models. The videoconferences will be at 16:00, whether Central European Time or U.S. Central Time, and they are open to all measurements. Further, we ask participating institutes to have female tutors and mentors holding the Masterclass – as much as possible.

As February 11th is a Saturday in 2017 – which might be unfavourable for many institutes –, we have decided to extend the celebration and start on Friday, February 10th, and continue on 11th. So you can decide if you prefer to invite female high school students on a normal school day, or if a Saturday works better for you.

If you are interested in hosting a Masterclass on that special occasion, please let one of us know.

Kind regards,
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