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## Why we need a Physics Olympiad

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The report of the International Panel on "Shaping the Future of Physics in SA" (March 2004) states in recommendation 4.1.4 (page 49) that "The panel recommends that the physics community (led by the SAIP) should seriously take up the challenge of preparing SA school children for participation in the IPhO". As a result, a successful first SA Physics Olympiad (SAPhO) was held the following year, the International Year of Physics. Whilst participation in the IPhO is a long way off, there is a need to establish a sustainable SAPhO. This talk will briefly outline the history of the SAPhO, why there should be a SAPhO and what needs to be done to make SAPhO a sustainable activity within the SAIP.

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