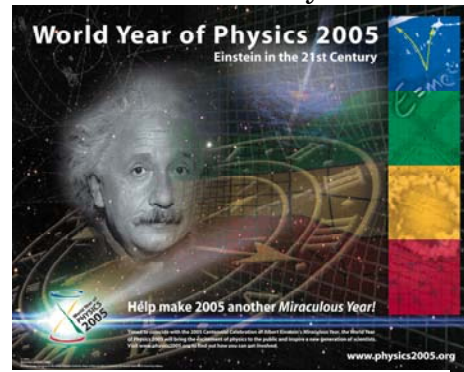


Project proposal
“A statue of Albert Einstein in Havana”
to be inaugurated in 2005, World Year of Physics

Background

Unesco and the International Union of Pure and Applied Physics have declared 2005 “World Year of Physics”, to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Albert Einstein’s groundbreaking findings in the field of Physics. A great number of related activities will be celebrated all around the World, many of them revolving around the figure of Albert Einstein.

The Physics Faculty at the University of Havana, the Cuban Physical Society, the Institute of Cybernetics, Mathematics and Physics (ICIMAF), the Cuban Society for the History of Science and Technology (SCHCT) and other Cuban institutions have also scheduled a number of activities to celebrate the World Year of Physics. Amongst them, there will be TV programs, articles



Official poster of the World Year of Physics

in newspapers and magazines, expositions of posters by the American Physical Society, live gatherings aimed at Physics popularization, a special stamp edition, and so on.

But the highest point in the celebrations would be the inauguration of a statue of Albert Einstein at the stairs of the Physics Faculty, University of Havana; a privileged spot accross the main entrance of “Calixto García” hospital, and in the way from Vedado hotels to “José Martí” airport.

Famous sculptor Villa-Soberón, author of the celebrated statue of John Lennon in Havana, has agreed to tackle the project, provided financial support is found. If the



Frontis of the Physics Faculty,
University of Havana

statue is built, it will be easy to invite relevant figures from the international Physics community (probably including a Nobel prize winner) to participate at the inauguration.



John Lennon in Havana: the celebrated statue by Villa-Soberón

We have conceived the monument as a real-size, bronze statue of Einstein in a casual attitude (e.g. walking down the stairs). Appropriate night illumination and the whiteness of the stairs themselves will add an extra attractive to the scenario.

It is evident that the projected statue of Albert Einstein would rapidly become a must-see point in the city of Havana

Financial needs

- Special materials and other supplies needed to fabricate the statue itself, and payment to the sculptor: 15 000 USD.
- The University of Havana will assume the maintenance of the stairs, painting of the building frontis and security measures after the statue is positioned.

Our proposal

We ask for a donation of 15 000 USD (or equivalent) to build the statue. Your contribution to build such an emblematic point of the city of Havana will be properly acknowledged in a plaque at the base of the statue, and in many other occasions where the issue of the statue comes across. We will be also pleased to have you represented in the inauguration ceremony.

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