

## **Bahamas Center for Science**

The goal is to create a stimulating place in the tropics where scientists can gather to concentrate, think in depth, and exchange ideas about important problems in physics and related fields.

Notes on Long Island ... proposed Center facilities ... executive summary ... and all that

Pattern the Center after Aspen, Benasque, etc.

## **Aspen Center for Physics**

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aspen\\_Center\\_for\\_Physics](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aspen_Center_for_Physics)

<http://www.aspenphys.org/>

*"The Aspen Center for Physics provides a stimulating, inspiring and beautiful surrounding for discussions, exchange of concrete research ideas, catching up on what others are working on, and gathering feedback on one's own research."*

"The Aspen Center for Physics is committed to providing an inclusive and welcoming environment for all. The Center does not discriminate based on personal factors including (but not limited to) race, color, national or ethnic origin, alienage, age, religion, creed, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, marital status, political affiliation or philosophy, disability, or veteran's status. In its programs, on its campus, and among its participants and staff, the Center will not tolerate actions that constitute discrimination or harassment."

*"The Center seems to have figured out an effective way to engage a group of us from different disciplines to interact naturally: put like-minded people in a beautiful and isolated place."*

"The essence of the work at the Aspen Center for Physics lies in thought and communication. Set in a friendly, small town of inspiring landscapes, the Center is conducive to deep thinking with few distractions, rules or demands. In our "circle of serenity," physicists work at their own speeds and in their own ways: alone or together, at the desk, at the blackboard or in a chair on the lawn. Spontaneous discussions give rise to new collaborations.

The Center encourages individual and collaborative research and offers summer workshops and winter conferences in biophysics, astrophysics and cosmology, particle physics, and condensed matter physics. Cross-scientific workshops with other disciplines are scheduled when physics is central to the topic. Each year, over 1,000 scientists from around the world visit the Center to explore new research on the unanswered questions about our world and universe.

Physicists share their cutting-edge research with Aspen locals and visitors during the free Heinz R. Pagels and Maggie and Nick DeWolf lecture series. Informal physics dialogues and cafés give the audience additional opportunities to ask questions and engage in conversations. In the summer, the Center co-hosts a weekly picnic for children and their families with the Aspen Science Center. After the picnic, our physicists introduce big ideas to children of all ages.

Our goal is simple: fine minds in an atmosphere of creative freedom."

Aspen brings together physicists from over 65 countries, and thanks to a Simons Foundation grant, it is

seeking to expand its reach to developing countries. With ideas from different scientific disciplines, different cultures and varying perspectives, top physicists come to discuss, deny, develop, decipher, decode and determine new ideas, possibilities and advances in our scientific knowledge through interacting with fine minds in an atmosphere of creative freedom.

## **Centro de Ciencias de Benasque Pedro Pascual**

<http://benasque.org/>

### **Mission**

The **Centro de Ciencias de Benasque Pedro Pascual** is a facility for the Spanish scientific system. This Centre offers the possibility to organize international meetings in Benasque, a beautiful village located in the heart of the Pyrenees.

The Centre is governed by a nonprofit Foundation, making every effort in order to streamline administrative procedures and remove bureaucratic obstacles, as much as possible.

The use of the Centre is open to the entire international scientific community. Any group of scientists may propose the organization of an international meeting focused on a specific subject. Once the proposal is approved, the Centre provides secretarial and computer system support. The Centre also takes care of creating and maintaining all workshop webpages as well as handling applications and hotel reservations.



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<http://benasque.org/general/cgi-bin/facilities.pl>  
<http://benasque.org/general/cgi-bin/pictures.pl#anchor>  
<http://benasque.org/general/cgi-bin/energy.pl>

### **Potential Funding**

from various foundations

[Epstein](#)  
[Kavli](#)  
[Simons](#)