

Sissakian elected academician, Foster FRS

At its meeting in Moscow on 26 May-2 June, the General Assembly of the Russian Academy of Sciences (RAS) elected Alexei Sissakian, director of JINR, as RAS full member (academician) and member of the RAS Presidium. This followed soon after Brian Foster, European regional director for the International Linear Collider (ILC) and head of particle physics at Oxford University, was elected Fellow of the Royal Society (FRS) in the UK.



Academician

Sissakian started his scientific career in 1968 at the Bogoliubov Laboratory of Theoretical Physics of JINR, and he became JINR vice-director in 1989. He has been director since 2006. Under his direct leadership for the past decade, JINR has implemented the research programme for the Nuclotron Accelerator Complex, including activities in the design and development of the Nuclotron-based Ion Collider Facility to collide heavy-ions at high energies. In addition to his many scientific accomplishments, Sissakian has contributed much to the development of JINR as an open international scientific centre, co-operating with other national and world scientific centres, in particular CERN.



FRS

Meanwhile, Brian Foster has been elected FRS on the basis of his leadership in the development of particle accelerators and detectors. Before becoming part of the core management for the ILC Global Design Effort, he was spokesman of the ZEUS experiment at DESY and chairman of the European Committee for Future Accelerators. The Royal Society recognizes Foster's role as an "international leader in the development of accelerators, instrumentation and physics analysis of electron-positron and electron-proton colliders", and it stresses that his "vision of a strong UK contribution to this effort and to accelerator science is reflected in his founding the Adams Institute for Accelerator Science in Oxford and Royal Holloway University of London, of which he was the first director."