

## About MIFP

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these countries and residing all over the world. It sponsors yearly Italo-Russian meetings on Solid State Physics in Rome. MIFP promotes the high-school teaching programs in physics all over the world. It has developed original sets of teaching courses in Nanophysics already tested in the Moscow University of Steel and Alloys. MIFP invites sponsors and encourages new applications for Membership.

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