

A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT GRUSS

The OIST Board of Governors has confirmed that Dr. Robert Baughman will serve as Vice CEO and Senior Vice President. In this capacity, Dr. Baughman will assist me in undertaking a review of administrative operations at OIST and of our business management systems and administrative computing. He will also facilitate interaction between our Japanese and international administrative operations. Dr. Baughman has deep experience in stakeholder engagement in both Okinawa and Japan, and he will also contribute valuable counsel in these matters. In addition, I have invited him to take the lead in preparation of our events to mark OIST's forthcoming tenth anniversary.



Until we have welcomed a new Vice President for Technology Development and Innovation, Dr. Baughman will support a seamless transition by continuing to lead TDIC in a dual assignment as Executive Vice President TDI.



Peter Gruss
President and CEO

The President's Office



CDC Closure and Working Arrangements for Affected Parents

As a precautionary measure we will close the CDC for the whole of this week. For this special Covid-19 response week, OIST staff or temp staff with children attending the CDC may work from home (WFH). Please be reminded that only one parent/carer in a family can utilize the Special Child Care Leave (OIST employee) or WFH (OIST employee; Temp staff). The After School Program is unaffected.

Employee Representative Election: Cast Your Vote This Week

The voting period for the Employee Representative Election starts today at 12 pm and ends on Friday, October 9, at 5 pm. You will receive an email from Survey Monkey. Please follow its instructions to complete your vote. This is an important process to elect an employee who will represent all of you. Every vote is important, so please do not miss this opportunity. If you abstain from voting, you will be considered as supporting the overall election result. The email will be sent to all employees who have the right of vote, including those who are in managerial positions. If you have any inquiries, please contact labor-relations@oist.jp.

Essential Events



Stress Check Program Begins Today

Mon., Oct. 5, 10am

Email

Feeling stressed at work? The Stress Check Program launched today and will run for the next two weeks. With COVID-19 impacting our lives, being aware of and managing stress levels is more important than ever, so please take the time and opportunity to reflect on how you're doing. The 10-minute questionnaire is available for all students and employees with instantaneous and confidential feedback upon completion.

Faculty Lunchtime Seminar - Mind-Switching and the Futurama Theorem

Tues., Oct. 6, 12pm

L4E48

So you've built a machine that can switch two minds; but now you've run into the problem that two bodies can only switch minds once, and you want to get everyone back into their correct bodies. How can you do this? I'll explain how the question can be framed as a problem in the symmetric group and subsequently answered.

Theoretical Physics Seminar - Why is the World Four-Dimensional?

Fri., Oct. 9, 2pm

L4F01

In this talk, Guilherme Sadoski will give a possible explanation on why the world seems to be four-dimensional. However, this is just an excuse to talk and raise awareness about a particular mathematical structure that seems to have a lot of potentiality in Physics: the so-called exotic smooth structure.

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