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Attachment(s):
(1) None.
                         Urgent appeal from scientists
                         in Bulgaria.
Dear ISWI Participant:
First, please note the change in the nameplate of this newsletter:
A "Caveat" has been added to the nameplate. If you use any material,
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Second, our ISWI colleagues in Bulgaria need help. Please help by reading the message below and clicking on to the web link given at the end. Note that Katya and her colleague Mitko maintain the ISWI website; they provide a vital service to the ISWI community. If the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences is endangered, then so too is the ISWI website. As we enter the holiday season starting the First of December, spare some time for our colleagues in Bulgaria. For:

"All it takes for bad things to happen is for good people to do nothing." -- Edmund Burke, Irish statesman (lived 1729-1797).

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Respectfully yours,
       George Maeda
       The Editor
       ISWI Newsletter
>Date: Mon, 29 Nov 2010 14:08:32 +0200 (EET)
>Subject: for the Newsletter
>From: "Katya" <kgeorg@bas.bg>
>To: maeda@serc.kyushu-u.ac.jp
>Dear George,
>Please include in the Newsletter the following appeal for support of the
>Bulgarian Academy of Sciences.
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>Thanks,
>Katya Georgieva
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>Dear Colleagues,
>The future of the biggest scientific center in Bulgaria, the Bulgarian
>Academy of Sciences, is endangered. After the last parliamentary elections
>in 2009, the new administration announced their intention to close the
>Academy. Its budget in 2010 and the proposed budget for 2011 are
>drastically cut and now money is not enough even for the already miserable
>salaries of the scientists. Various projects for legislative changes are
>being advertised, all reducing to scattering the academic institutes among
>universities and/or ministries with their eventual subsequent closing.
>Many scientists, especially young ones, have already been forced to leave
>the Academy or are planning to leave it looking for better and more
>reliable means to make a living. Similar is the situation in many
>universities, especially in Sofia University, the leading educational
>center in Bulgaria, so the attack is not only against the Bulgarian
>Academy of Sciences but against science in Bulgaria in general.
>We the Bulgarian scientists have been protesting for months against the
>destruction of science in Bulgaria. Now it is critical for us to get
>international support because this week both the new law for the Bulgarian
>Academy of Sciences, and the budget for 2011 will be voted in the
>Parliament.
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>Please support us by signing the petition at
>http://www.science.nauka2010.com/
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