

Science and Physics in Argentina and Latin America in the Last Decades

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The bicentenary of the Argentinean first independent government is an excellent opportunity to meditate, to reflect once more, about the importance that education, science and technology have to consolidate what symbolically was the road initiated by Argentines two hundred years ago. In this interdependent world, the capacity to formulate, in an autonomous way, social and economic policies depends very much in the articulation, in our Latin- American region, of a creative, intelligent and effective scientific and technological development. Condensed matter physics is a fascinating area from the scientific point of view. It is as well an area of physics closely related to the present more advanced productive activities. It has not only a cultural importance, it is fundamental because it is on the base of the third industrial revolution. This symposium, with the contribution of the personal experiences of the invited speakers, will be a place where to compare and shine light to the difficulties and successes that the process of scientific development, in particular condensed matter physics, have had in Argentina and other Latin-American countries. I will refer to this problematic in my talk.