



Dear all,

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International Masterclasses 2026 concluded last week after seven inspiring and eventful weeks. With Masterclasses held almost every day around the world, physicists at more than 220 institutes welcomed high school students, offering them a unique, hands-on introduction to particle physics research. We were especially pleased to see several new institutes join the program this year, further strengthening its global reach and helping to motivate the next generation of scientists.

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to everyone who contributed to making this year's Masterclasses such a success. A program of this scale relies on the commitment and collaboration of many dedicated individuals. Across the globe, numerous physicists opened their institutes to students, guiding them through authentic research activities. Moderators at CERN, Fermilab, GSI, KEK, and the Pierre Auger Observatory in Malargüe once again led engaging video conferences, responding to students' questions with great enthusiasm and expertise.

We also gratefully acknowledge the essential work carried out behind the scenes. Support teams at CERN, Fermilab, and other participating institutions, together with the IMC steering group and the video conference working group, ensured the smooth operation of the program. Finally, we extend our thanks to the many teachers, contributors, and funding agencies whose support was indispensable.

Thank you all for being part of International Masterclasses 2026. We are already looking forward to next year's program and hope to welcome you again for IMC27.

Kind regards,

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