

# Wujek Iwuniu

## “Versatile Scientist”

# “World Authority in QED and Quantum Optics”



Jasiu Rafelski



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Professor Iwo Bialynicki-Birula 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration



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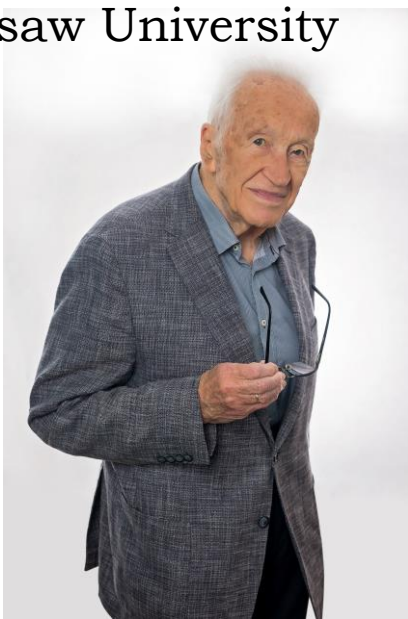


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Professor Peter Carruthers, Chairman  
Department of Physics  
University of Arizona  
Tucson, Arizona 85721

Dear Professor Carruthers:

This letter is to recommend Dr. Iwo Birula-Bialynicki for a position of a Visiting Professor at your Department.

I have known Dr. Birula for over thirty years and consider him Poland's foremost theoretical physicist. His leading position in Polish science has resulted in many awards and recognitions, including full membership in the Polish Academy of Sciences.

While most of Dr. Birula's published work is in the area of quantum electrodynamics, he is an extremely versatile scientist with excellent command of theoretical physics throughout the spectrum of this vast discipline. Dr. Birula's intimate grasp of physical phenomena results in his extraordinary ability to reduce complex physical systems to tractable and easily explainable models. He would add strength to any physics department, but his talent, expertise, and creativity make him an ideal match to the needs of Professor Rafelski's team.

I enthusiastically recommend Dr. Birula for a visiting professorship at the University of Arizona.

Sincerely,

Ryszard Gajewski, Director  
Division of Advanced Energy Projects  
Office of Basic Energy Sciences, ER-16

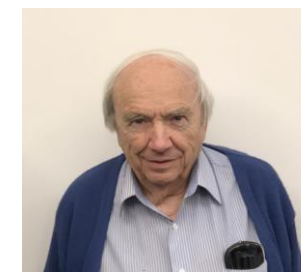
Dr. P. A. Carruthers, Head  
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Dear Peter:

I am pleased to support the appointment of Dr. Iwo Bialynicki-Birula to a position in your Department. Dr. Birula, as you know, is the head of the Institute for Theoretical Physics of the Academy of Sciences in Warsaw. He is a world authority in quantum electro-dynamics and quantum optics. He has held a position as Adjunct Professor in the Department of Physics of the University of Pittsburgh for many years, and we have found his repeated visits to us extremely useful. These have also lead to joint cooperative programs, in which we have sent our faculty and students to Warsaw and benefitted from reciprocal visits in Pittsburgh. I am sure his appointment will be of similar use to the University of Arizona, and I strongly recommend it to you.

Best wishes,

R. H. Pratt  
Professor of Physics



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