CMS International Masterclasses in Mexico

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In Memoriam: Salvador Carrillo

We are grateful for all he did to advance International Masterclasses in Mexico and around the world.



Introduction



What is a masterclass?

"Particle physicist for a day"

- Intro
- Tour
- Analyze authentic HEP data.
- Videoconference

International Masterclasses

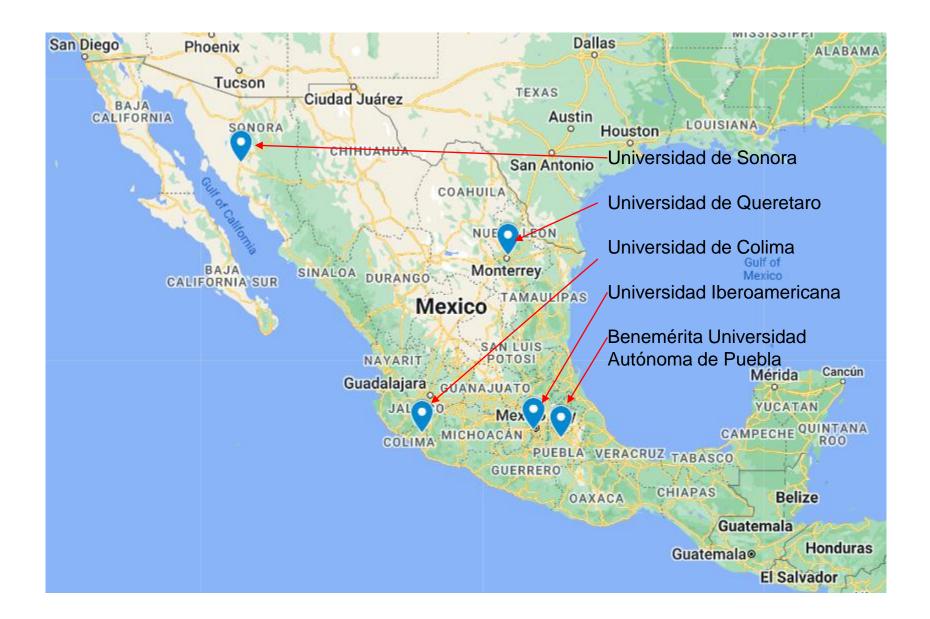
- > 50 Countries
- > 10⁴ Students
- 5 institutes in Mexico
- All connect to Fermilab Videocon
- Numbers were down in 2020-22

After the pandemic, IMC is on the rebound.





Masterclass Institutes



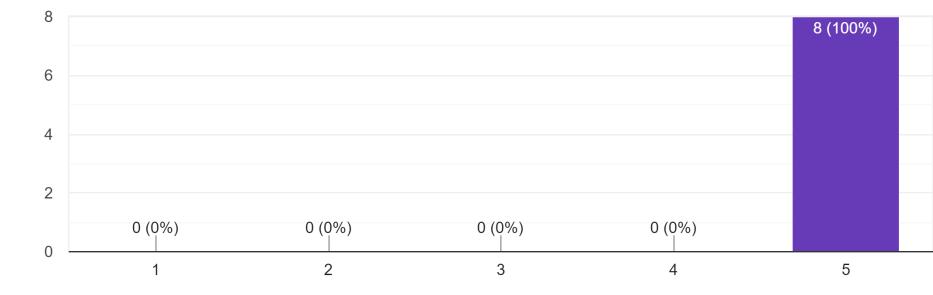
International Masterclasses

- International Masterclasses are helping to make frontier science available to young students and teachers that otherwise would not have this opportunity.
- The larger audience is mainly high school students and teachers.
- QuarkNet collaborates with around 10 CMS Mexican scientists that participate regularly in masterclasses (contacting the teachers, planning the event, helping the students to analyze the data).
- Several high school teachers in different institutions in Mexico participate annually and help advertise the events in their local areas.
- Thanks to these collaborations, it was possible to continue with some events during the pandemic, which was appreciated by the students and teachers.

Limited teacher survey: students like masterclasses

Califica esta afirmación: A mis alumnos y alumnas les gustó el Masterclass (5 significa que les gustó mucho y 1 significa que no).

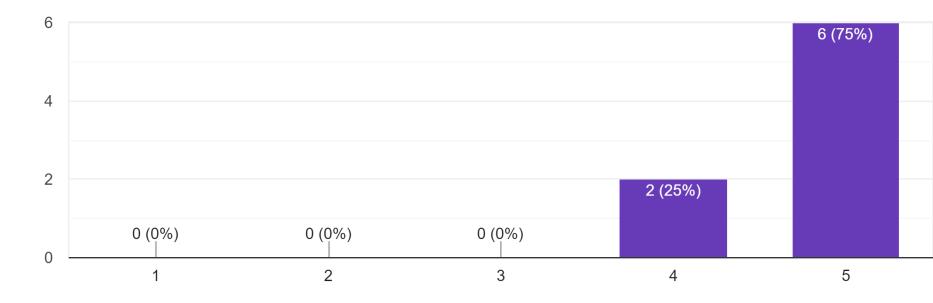
8 responses



Translation: Evaluate this statement: My students liked the masterclass (5=very much, 1=no).

Limited teacher survey: students appreciate physics more

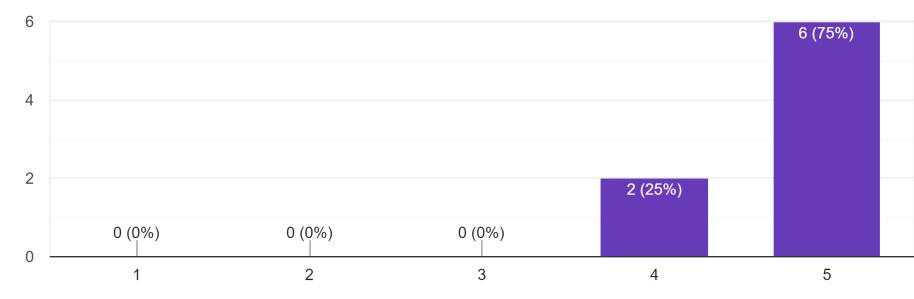
Califica esta afirmación: Mis alumnos y alumnas incrementaron su interés en física gracias al Masterclass (5 significa que concuerdo y 1 significa que no). ^{8 responses}



Translation: Evaluate this statement: My students' interest in physics increased thanks to the masterclass (5=agree, 1=no).

Limited teacher survey: teachers develop professionally

Califica esta afirmación: El Masterclass me ayudó en mi desarrollo profesional en pedagogía o física (5 significa que ayudó mucho y 1 significa que no). ^{8 responses}



Translation: Evaluate this statement: The masterclass helped my professional development in teaching skills or physics (5=helped very much, 1=no).

Limited teacher survey: favorite and least favorite parts

¿Cuál fue la mejor parte del Masterclass? 8 responses



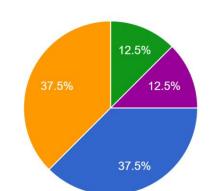
Translation: What was the best part of the masterclass?

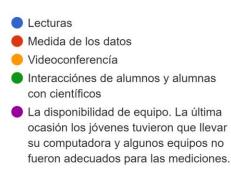
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- Data measurements
- Video conference
- Interactions between students and scientists

¿Cuál fue la parte del Masterclass que podría mejorarse? 8 responses

Translation: What part of the masterclass could be improved?

- Lectures
- Data measurements
- Video conference
- Interactions between students and scientists
- Availability of equipment.





The last time the students had to bring their own computers, and some were not adequate for the analysis.

Conclusions

- Results have been positive and encouraging.
- Plans to work within a protocol to determine the reach and effectiveness of the activities in a more standardized way.
- Maintain statistics and collect feedback from teachers and students to improve activities.
- When data is available through teachers and schools, track students that were inspired from a masterclass to pursue a career in science.
- Although the program focuses on high school students, it is having a great impact on teachers (consider training activities for them as well?).