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I am currently a permanent physicist at the Laboratoire Leprince-Ringuet, École polytechnique, France. I've been coming to BNL for five years now, to work on the PHENIX experiment. Prior to this, I worked on the NA48 experiment at CERN.

In PHENIX, I first worked on the muon tracker front-end electronics that we built up in France and installed in 2001, and I am now focusing on the silicon vertex upgrade. My main physics interest is the study of quarkonia production in all kind of collisions operated at RHIC, from pp to AuAu, with a particular interest for dAu and cold nuclear matter effects.

I've been asked by colleagues to run for the User Executive Committee elections. Thinking about it, I'm willing to participate in the committee and I think I can significantly contribute to two of its four working groups. In the SAS (Site Access and Science) I can probably advise the UEC on things that could be done at BNL to make life (gate controls, network access, cafeteria and centre, housing...) easier for visitors, especially for people from outside the U.S. I believe the UEC played a key role in the great progress that has already been made in the past years.

I'm also willing to play a role in the MCO (Meetings, Communication and Outreach). In my home country, I always pay attention to report the results coming out from the whole RHIC program to the french community, giving several seminars in various laboratories, and a lecture in a summer school (Joliot-Curie 2005). I think communication is one of our weak points, especially in these days where funding is not easy and when the public opinion can be of some importance to allow us to simply work.

(my work webpage : <http://www.phenix.bnl.gov/~raphael/>)