

CHIPP Membership fee: *pro rata shares per full Board Member*

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Proposal from the CHIPP EB:

Taking into account the uncertainties surrounding the continued funding of the Centre of Advanced Studies in Particle Physics and the CHIPP activities beyond 2012 from external sources, the CHIPP EB considers it prudent to decide an alternative for being able to continue with a minimal funding. The funding level should be such as to allow for a continued support from a CHIPP Administrator (acting as secretary to the Chairman and as accountant for the CHIPP Association), for some travel money, support for schools and conferences, and a small operations budget. At present, the average funding level for these activities is 118k/year for the period 2009-2011.

The CHIPP EB considers such a funding level as adequate for continuing these activities at a meaningful pace and suggests that this sum is brought up by equal contributions from each individual active Board Member (full Board Member). The contribution is restricted to the active Board Members, since they enjoy voting rights and are responsible for steering CHIPP and its activities.

In order to avoid too big a burden from one year to the next, the EB suggests to start in 2012 with a modest 60k budget (50%), to go in 2013 to 90k (75%) and to end up in 2014 with the full 120k budget.

Today, based on the present list of 45 full Board Members, this proposal would lead to an individual amount of 2.7k per Board Member, which would be reduced in the first two years to 1.3k (2012) and 2.0k (2012) respectively.

Each year in summer the Board would approve the individual Membership fee for the next year, based on the then valid and updated list of the full Board Members. The invoices for the annual contribution will be sent out to the individual Board Members in January. They will have to be paid within 60 days. It is the decision of their institute how the payment of these Membership fees is to be arranged (individual or collective payment). In the summer meeting, the Members in arrear w.r.t the previous year will be identified and will receive thereafter the second demand note referred to in Article 8 of the Statutes¹

In addition to the basic discussion of this topic, two specific questions will have to be answered:

- Shall there be a penalty payment if the 60 days payment deadline is not respected?
- Who shall be responsible for paying the fee: the individual Member or his/her institution?

The Board (applying Articles 35 and 36 of the Statutes, and Section 6.1 and 6.2 of the By-Laws) is requested to:

- Accept the philosophy of sharing the burden among the Board Members with voting rights;
- Approve the proposed reduction of the fee to 50% in 2012 and to 75% in 2013;
- Agree to deal with the budget of a given year in the summer Board meeting of the previous year;
- Decide that the individual Membership fee is set each year by the Board in its summer meeting, based on the then valid and updated list of Board Members;
- Set a payment deadline of 60 days after reception of the invoice;
- Decide on the questions mentioned above (penalty, payment responsibility);
- Instruct the EB to present the budget and the individual fee for 2012 exceptionally in January 2012.

Required majority: simple

¹ Membership expires automatically ... in case the Member has not paid the Membership fee after having received the second demand note.