

Technology Transfer: *A regular item for the Board?*

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Introduction

Technology (and Knowledge) Transfer becomes more and more important not only in particle physics but in most research fields. This is not surprising, as already the Federal Ordinance on Research from 1st July 1985 states in its Article 8b, that co-ordination of promotion measures with respect to basic research, the transfer of knowledge and technology, is regarded as a goal for Swiss research, the goal being supported in particular by the NCCRs.

The SNF has taken up this mandate and states in his call for NCCRs “The NCCR must demonstrate which goals it pursues in the sector of knowledge and technology transfer ...” but it goes without saying that this matter is of importance not only for the NCCRs but everywhere in research.

Up to now, the CHIPP community is not informed on a regular basis about this topic; the last talk on this subject dates back to the CHIPP Plenary of 2008 (!). The EB has discussed the matter and favours a more regular flow of information in this respect.

Proposal

Obviously, the topic is of interest and utility not only to the Board members, but also to the senior scientists and the PostDocs of CHIPP. Therefore, it is suggested to invite a specialist in TT to delivering a talk at every second CHIPP Plenary meeting (in the odd years). In between, the topic shall be put on the agenda of the Board only if an important issue is to be reported or discussed.

The Board (in application of Article 27, litt. b) is requested

- to approve the introduction of a TT talk at every second CHIPP Plenary meeting starting in 2013, and
- **to entrust** the Chair with bringing the matter up in one of the Board meetings if need be.

Required majority: simple