

Swiss Physical Society: *Request for Observer Status*

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Introduction

According to Article 10 of the Statutes, institutions may be admitted in the Association as Observers. The Board rules about requests for Observer status and decides about the attendance of Observers in the Board meeting (Article 27. litt. j).

Request

In his letter of 26 September 2012 (attached), the President of the Swiss Physical Society (Andreas Schopper) suggests that CHIPP grants Observer status to the SPS “in order to strengthen further cooperation between the two bodies” *[editor’s note: i.e. SPS and CHIPP]*.

Assessment and Proposal

In its meeting of 23 October 2012, the CHIPP EB has taken note of the request, which is in line with the provision in the CHIPP Statutes (Article 32.3 litt. g), where a close contact is advocated between CHIPP and the Swiss Academy of Natural Sciences and its member organisations – in particular with the Swiss Physical Society.

The Board (applying Article 27, litt. j) is requested

- **to approve** the SPS’ request for Observer status, and
- **to agree** that – as from now on – the SPS attends the Board meetings as Observer.

Required majority: simple

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Dear Klaus Kirch,

In its function to improve and foster communication between the various research communities of physics, the Swiss Physical Society (SPS) cultivates a strong link to the Swiss Institute of Particle Physics (CHIPP). This is reflected by the fact that the section leader of particle physics represented in the SPS executive committee is also member of CHIPP.

In order to strengthen even further the cooperation between these two bodies, SPS would like to suggest sending an *observer* to the CHIPP Board. This SPS observer to CHIPP would be the SPS president, or a delegate. I would appreciate your feedback to this proposal.

Looking forward to a fruitful collaboration, best regards,



Andreas Schopper
President Swiss Physical Society