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College of Helvetic Astronomy Professors CHAPS: *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 14 October 2013 (attached), the President of the College of Helvetic Astronomy Professors (Georges Meylan) informs the CHIPP Chair that the Swiss Commission of Astronomy (a member of the SCNAT) has nominated Alexandre Refregier (ETHZ) as the official representative of CHAPS at the CHIPP Board and CHIPP Plenary meetings.

Assessment and Proposal

Closer contacts between CHIPP and CHAPS have been advocated by the CHIPP Board at several occasions, the last time in January 2013, where the Board strongly supported the idea of exchanging Observers among the two bodies.

In its meeting of 25 October 2013, the CHIPP EB has taken note of the CHAPS' decision and has attributed the task of CHIPP observer in CHAPS to Teresa Montaruli. The EB noted also that the exchange of observers between two SCNAT members is in line with the provisions of 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.

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

- **to approve** the exchange of observers between CHIPP and CHAPS, and
- **to agree** that – as from now on – the CHAPS attends the Board meetings as Observer.

Required majority: simple

From: Georges Meylan [<mailto:Georges.Meylan@epfl.ch>]
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2013 10:57 AM
To: Kirch Klaus Stefan
Cc: Alexandre Refregier
Subject: exchange of Observers CHIPP - CHAPS

Dear Klaus,

During its last meeting, the SCFA has selected/nominated Alexandre Refregier ETHZ as the official observer/representative of CHAPS during the CHIPP meetings. And since Alexandre has accepted his new task, I'm pleased to send you this news. Consequently, feel free to get in touch directly with him whenever suited.

Best regards,
Georges

PS For memory, I copy below the two different structures of our two communities as written in the minutes of one of the 2013-01-18 CHAPS meeting:

Particles physicists in Switzerland are well and clearly organized with a threefold structure. (i) CHIPP has about 520 members, all of them are PhD scientists or PhD students, working in Switzerland in Particles Physics. (ii) The Board of CHIPPS is made of about 60 members, all of them professors and (iii) the CHIPP Executive Board is made of a chair and 3 vice-chairs, elected out of the Board of CHIPP. CHIPP has asked only recently to be part of MAP ScNat.

The structural organization of astronomers is fuzzier than the one for particle physicists. The entity for astronomy corresponding to CHIPP is (i) the SSAA (Swiss Society for Astrophysics and Astronomy), with 230 members, which are amateur and professional astronomers, with or without PhD in astronomy, working in Switzerland or abroad. The entity corresponding to the Board of CHIPP is (ii) CHAPS, made of 29 professors, and the CHIPP Executive Board corresponds to the (iii) SCFA (Swiss Commission for Astronomy). The SSAA and the SCFA are, independently, parts of MAP ScNat, this already for many decades.

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