

Time/place of the meeting: PSI Villigen, 25 August 2008, 14.00 – 13.00h

Present: Antonio Ereditato (AE), Tatsuya Nakada (TS), Martin Pohl (MP), Ueli Straumann (US, chair), Jean-Pierre Ruder (JPR, Secretary).

1. Agenda

Approved with addition of item 7a (status HEP in Switzerland).

2. Apologies

No apologies.

3. Minutes of the last meeting (2008-06) and list of Action items (attached)

Approved.

4. Communication

- Fact sheets: status report on text and tables; translation:
Not all fact sheets are yet available; problem of double counting of industry work ordered by CERN on behalf of the experiments.
→ US and JPR will look into the problem with industry and try to find a simple and defensible solution
→ JPR will inquire about translation at federal level and with Gerber.
- “Nacht der Forschung” (26.9.): activities?
Activities in ZH and GE are reported.
→ TN and AE will inquire in LS and BE

5. LHC-PostDocs on SUK/ETH money

- Selection process: decision of application round 2008-2:
Amsler proposes CHIOCHIA; the EB endorses this proposal. At the same time, the EB underlines its expectation that it should be effectively involved in the process according to the rules.
→ US to inform Amsler about decision of the EB
Straumann has scheduled his interviews in September.
- Matching funds: news from GE? ZH?
GE: progress is made, decision might be taken soon.
ZH: discussions between university, faculty and institute are ongoing.
The problem of late start might create some difficulties of spending the allocated funds, but this has to be faced and dealt with individually by the institutes. The importance is that the matching funds are really matching.
- PRO*DOC?
Informal info: PRO*DOC educational module did not pass. The physics case was questioned.
→ MP is ready to resubmit the educational element quickly, but requests that the EB members provide the research modules.
→ MP will distribute the templates for the research module to the EB members.
→ AE, TN, US, MP to provide research modules to MP asap.
→ US to inquire with SUK (after the official information of SNF) what will happen to the money, which had been attributed to the C-15.

6. Finances

- CHIPP Tables: progress report:
Tables not yet finalised, as there are still missing numbers. The EB stresses the importance of having the numbers approved at the Board meeting in September.
→ US will call Rivkin.
- Feed-back from other communities wrt. SINERGIA:
T2K and CTA will submit a SINERGIA proposal.
→ AE and US will continue to try triggering something in the field of dark matter.
- There is no Feed-back from Rivkin on a possible NCCR proposal on non-accelerator physics:

7. Force Requests 2008/9

- Synchronisation of requests and inclusion of Manpower – additional information:
The suggestion to include also manpower stirs a lively discussion. While some EB members support this idea, others are a bit reluctant, fearing that personnel will remain (forever) at the institutes or that less money will be available for hardware projects.
→ JPR to deliver statistics about the ESO/FINES situation, where manpower is included since the beginning.

7a Status of High Energy Physics in Switzerland

- US brings up the fact, that Particle Physics has lost ground in Switzerland over the past years: reduction in SNF funding, possibly soon no representative any more in the Forschungsrat, physics closed down at 2 Universities (BS, FR). He asks for comments and suggestions. After an exchange of views the EB is of the opinion that the situation overall does not look that grim, as there are also positive evolutions: the funds attributed to HEP from SNF and SER are still considerable, HEP is well organized, GE and BE have been able to increase the number of Professors. The situation at the SNF however remains a concern.
→ US to write letter to SNF complaining about the danger that the Forschungsrat in future may not contain any more a person connected to CERN activities.

8. ECFA Visit 2009 (EPFL, 6 Match 2009)

- Programme:
The ECFA secretary will provide instructions (to TN) how to structure the talks etc. TN mentions that coffee and lunch will be offered by EPFL, whereas the dinner can not.
→ TN to contact Clark to find out how it had been done at the last visit
→ US to ask Dell' Ambrogio for delivering the welcome address.

9. Status of future meetings

- CHIPP Plenary 2008: status of organisation, programme, invitations, ... :
The programme is almost ready (CMS speaker still missing); the approval for the change in constitution will have to be inserted somewhere; 28 inscriptions of participants.
→ US to send out a reminder and inform about the decision to be taken on the change of the Constitution.
- CHIPP Board meeting: Draft agenda
The EB goes through the agenda and adds a few points.
- Other meetings and Workshops: status
 - Next Workshops: Neutrinos (ETHZ, 18/19 November 2008); High End Frontier (UZH, 29/30 January 2009); Astroparticle (EPFL, 2/3 June 2009).
 - CHIPP Plenary 2009: Hotel Appenberg, Zäziwil, 24/25 August 2009 (www.appenberg.ch).
 - First beam at LHC (10 September):
→ JPR to contact Gerber with the goal of having some information to the press available (for instance fact sheet text only).

10. CHIPP prize

- Applications; selection:
The three candidates qualify for the CHIPP Prize.
→ AE to send to Board with deadline 1 September (a.m.)

11. SCOAP3

- Status: letter Pohl:
→ MP to write to Eichler regarding the negative position of the chief librarian of the ETHZ.

12. A.O.B.

- CHIPP Homepage: database does still not work; no progress (US is working on it)
- ETS High Energy Physics Conference 2011: to be convened in Zurich? (EB supports this idea)
- ICFA Seminar – Swiss participation: possible participation from SNF (TN has some signs of interest from Burkhard)
- LHC inauguration: guest list (the organisation at CERN is not very professional; SER with the help of US has provided CERN with the guest list, but until now no decision has been taken by the organizers).
- Next EB meeting: 9 September 2008, 14.30-16.30h, EPFL