

## Minutes of the EB meeting 2009-01 on 30 January 2009

Time/place of the meeting: Buffet de la Gare Lausanne, 30 January 2009, 10.00 – 13.00h

Present:

Antonio Ereditato (AE), Tatsuya Nakada (TN), Martin Pohl (MP), Ueli Straumann (US, chair), Jean-Pierre Ruder (JPR, secretary)

The Chair opened the meeting at 09.55h

### 1. Agenda

Approved. Changes accepted: item 7 and 16 will be dealt with together; item 11 will be expanded to "Elections and successors". Under A.O.B., the new SNF rule about contacts between the referee and the applicant will be discussed.

### 2. Apologies

None.

### A. Administrative items

#### 3. Minutes of the last meeting (2008-10)

**MIN: distributed**

Approved.

#### 4. List of Action Items

[JPR]

**List: attached**

Checked and updated.

On a remark by AE, the Swiss LHC website is discussed. Main question: what can be done in order to (a) make it more "Swiss", (b) ensure the CHIPP input and (c) respect the CHIPP quality requirements? Also, the corrections proposed a few months ago by the ATLA representative (Hp. Beck) have not yet been taken into account. In the discussion, several possibilities are mentioned. In the end, the EB asks TN to take advantage of his meeting with Marie-Christine Sawly in order to discuss the matter and to report back to the EB.

→ TN: to discuss with Marie-Christine and to report back to the EB

#### 5. Next meeting (please note the slightly shifted time) [US]

**Calendar on Website**

- Next EB meeting: 27 February 2009 (2009-02), 11.30-14.30h, Buffet de la Gare, Lausanne

→ JPR: to check with Buffet de la Gare *[note of the author: the new time has been confirmed]*

### B. Items for discussion

#### 6. Annual Report 2008 for the C-15 Project

**first draft (incl. financial**

- Discussion of first draft [US/JPR]

**forms) will follow**

JPR presents the first draft of the total C-15 report for 2008, highlighting specifically the two main topics: content and finances. The content part is based on reports from the sub-projects (i.e. the participating institutes) whereas the financing part is in the hands of the central project

management, the UZH. AE suggests that a sentence about the matching funds is introduced (agreed); US notes that the starting dates of the PostDocs should rather be under the “goals achieved” (agreed); TN is of the opinion that the publications, conference notes etc. of the PostDocs should also be mentioned (agreed in principle, but probably too early for the 2008 report).

→ US: to recall to all partnering institutes the necessity that the specific achievements of the PostDocs should be reported.

The EB leaves the part about financing to JPR/US, including also a proposal to SUK/ETH-Rat for distributing the funds in the future according to reality. For the sub-projects, the project leaders and persons involved are requested to contribute a few sentences about the specific activities in 2008 as well as regarding the plans for 2009.

→ JPR: to send out forms ASAP (deadline for reply 6.2.)

## 7. Activities planned for 2009

**first draft attached**

- Modifications, extension, additions, ... [US, all]

The EB reviews the draft plan of activities 2009 and attributes responsible persons for each activity. The following activities are identified:

- revised PRO\*DOC request (MP; see item 15 below)
- evaluation and selection of 3<sup>rd</sup> round of PostDocs (all three experiments; see item 9 below)
- the PR activities in connection with LHC (TN; see item 4 above) and with the Hamburg Hafengeburtstag (US, AE; see item 12 below)
- CHIPP Prize 2009 (JPR for advertisement, CHIPP Board members for evaluation and selection)

→ CHIPP Prize: JPR to send out advertisement end of April.

In addition, the elements to be dealt with at the CHIPP Board of 5 March are shortly discussed. They include the status of the CTA and the LHC schedule, a brainstorming about a new or updated roadmap (including the setting up of a Roadmap editorial group, the participation in S-LHC and the Swiss representatives in the CERN WG on enlargement.

→ US: to prepare a draft agenda for mid-February and to inform the Board ahead of the meeting about the Roadmap editorial group.

The list of future Workshops and Schools is set up as follows:

What	responsible person	when?
WS on Higgs Boson Phenomenology	Th. Gehrman	7-9 Jan 2009
WS on Astroparticle Physics	T. Nakada, M.Ribody	2/3 June 2009
WS on High Energy Frontier	U. Straumann	28/29 January 2010
CHIPP PhD School Ascona	G. Dissertori, Th. Gehrman	18-24 January 2010

## 8. PostDoc selection

- Info on the candidate for UZH [US] **application will follow**

The EB agrees with the proposal of US to select Mark Tobin as SUK PostDoc for LHCb at UZH. He will start working on 1 February 2009.

## 9. Finances

- Plans for the remaining SUK funds in 2009 [US] **supporting doc's will follow**

US presents the funding situation of the C-15 and three options for the next round of PostDocs. (Option 1: 1 PostDocs for each of the experiments plus an IT/Manno related PostDoc for whom funds would be available only for 6 months; a transfer to a FORCE position would have to be assumed; Option 2: 1 PostDoc for each of the experiments with one of the three working as an IT/Manno related PostDoc for all experiments; Option 3: 1 PostDoc for

each of the experiments with a large part of his/her activities related to IT/Manno). After a short discussion the EB agrees on Option 3 and is of the opinion that the advertisement should be sent out soon.

→ US: to circulate a draft advertisement ASAP.

US informs about an email he had received from Allan Clark (AC) informing the CHIPP EB about a COST Action on High Performance Computing in Complex Environment (A few years ago, this mechanism had already worked for an IT-student being seconded to CERN Grid).

The EB is of the opinion that AC should pursue this road with the support of CHIPP and hand in a request.

→ US: to inform AC about this

#### 10. ECFA Visit 2009 (EPFL, 6 March 2009)

- Programme [TN]

TN has distributed the draft programme. The EB discussed possible names for speakers and comes up with a proposal including also a back-up solution. TN inquires about the funding from SER for the dinner (has been agreed)-

→ JPR: to send the SER decision on funding to TN

- Input for STS Dell'Ambrogio's speech [JPR]

US reminds of the big echo the speech of STS Kleiber in 2002 has had and suggests that STS Dell'Ambrogio follows somehow that line. MP would be interested to hear something about an SER commitment to particle physics and about a SER support for the CTA data centre; in addition, some hint about the 2012 bill on research to Parliament (specifically on large infrastructure projects) would be welcome.

→ MP: send a few lines to JPR

- Extension of the PSI Plenary ECFA member [TN]

TN informs that the ECFA has agreed to extending Schietinger's mandate until the end of the year; he has also asked PSI to propose candidates for his succession and reports that PSI is discussing the matter internally.

#### 11. Forthcoming elections [US, all]

- Procedure for finding/nominating successors for several posts

The EB dresses a list of all posts where either re-elections or successions will have to be decided by the CHIPP Plenary in August (CHIPP Outreach, ECFA representative, Forschungsrat SNF, CHIPP EB, and possibly the NUPECC representative. The matter will have to be dealt with by the CHIPP Board on 5 March.

→ US: to send out an email, together with the invitation for the March board, asking the community to provide names to JPR.

#### 12. CHIPP and the Hamburg Harbour Anniversary

- Student guides [US, all]

US informs that UZH has already identified a student for this event; AE is ready to propose a student from Berne

→ AE: to provide the name of the student to US.

- Speakers [US]

US informs that the organisers have not yet really defined / identified possible speakers for the event; he has urged them to hurry up (May is soon).

### C. Items for information

#### 13. LHC – Swiss Industry Day

- Planned by the Communication Network [US]

TN informs that the Swiss Industry Day has been moved to a new date (after the Chamonix Workshop). The theme / idea is to raise the awareness of the public about the Swiss industry's involvement in the LHC. JPR notes that in that case, industry should rather act as speakers with the large public and possibly journalists as target group. US suggests that the organiser's list of industrial addresses should be checked with the SER list for CERN industrial activities.

→ JPR: to ask SER for correlating the two lists.

#### 14. Steering Committee FORCE

- The priorities for 2009 [US]

US recalls that he had already sent out an information email regarding the 2009 priorities as decided by the Lenkungsausschuss (LA) FORCE and already communicated to the SNF.

- The synchronisation of the requests [US]

US stresses also the fact that the LA FORCE has accepted the goal of synchronising the FORCE requests to one deadline per year. According to the schedule, Allan Clark, Antonio Ereditato and André Rubbia are requested to hand in for March a 6-months prolongation of their current request; full fledged new requests can then be handed in by all FORCE applicants in fall.

→ US: to send the corresponding information sheet to the CHIPP Board

#### 15. PRO\*DOC request

- Status of application [MP]

MP has drafted a new request taking into account all the remarks received from the evaluators in the rejection letter regarding last year's proposal. He will send this draft to the group leaders for cross-checking and filling in the research module. Deadline: end February

→ MP: to send out the draft request plus the template for the research module.

#### 16. Status of future meetings

- Workshops, Schools etc. in 2009 [all]  
(has been dealt with under item 9)

#### 17. A.O.B.

- US describes the new situation regarding the referees for a SNF request: The Forschungsrat (Referee) does not communicate anymore with the requesting institute (no more site visits). In the past, these site visits have served well to identify possible cuts and to provide input of updates to the project situation 6 months after the request was handed in. The colleagues have not (yet) made this experience, but find this a strange practice. The question of TN about the reasons of this change of strategy remains unanswered.

→ US: to talk to Burkhard/SNF

The meeting ended at 13.05h

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