



Minutes of the EB meeting 2009-05 on 3 June 2009

Time/place of the meeting: EPFL, 3 June 2009, 16.00 – 19.00h

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 15.50h

1. Agenda

(MP) suggests discussing about the membership of astroparticle physics in CHIPP under a new item 7; the item ECFA (now 8) will cover the Chair, the Swiss representative, the ECFA statistics and the R-ECFA letter about Switzerland.

With these amendments, the agenda is approved.

2. Apologies

None.

A. Administrative items

3. **Minutes** of the last meeting (2009-04)
Approved.

MIN: distributed

4. **List of Action Items**
Checked.

[JPR]

List: distributed

5. **Next meeting(s)**

[US]

Calendar on Website

- Next EB meeting: 3 July 2009 (2009-06), 10.00-13.00h, Buffet de la Gare, Lausanne is confirmed by all participants.

- Rescheduling of future EB meetings

August 14: despite the fact that AE most probably can't make it, the meeting date is confirmed. If no business is to be dealt with, the meeting will be cancelled.

Sept 4: the meeting is cancelled

Oct 9: the meeting is postponed to October 16, Buffet de la Gare Lausanne, 10-13h.

Nov 27: to be decided in July.

→ JPR: to produce a new meeting calendar *[done]*

→ US: to revise the CHIPP webpage *[done]*

B. Items for discussion

6. **PostDoc 3rd advertisement**

- Status; next steps

[US]

US and MP state that the summary had been well prepared and very helpful. At present, the status is as follows:

ATLAS: 12 candidates on the shortlist; the recommendation letters have been requested for 8 candidates; most probably, the schedule can be kept; overall, the result of the advertisement is considered to be a great success, because there are many good candidates.

LHCb: 4 candidates on the shortlist; the interviews are planned for the next weeks.

CMS: 8 candidates on the shortlist and under detailed study; the interviews are planned for the second half of June; US will serve as the representative of the EB.

7. CHIPP Membership of Astroparticle physics [MP]

MP suggests that Astroparticle physics should also be included in the CHIPP Board. Some potential members are easy to be identified (like the people from ISDC), others require a bit more reflection. TN is willing to talk with Meylan.

→ US: to complete the CHIPP data base and to prepare a list of names for the July EB.

8. ECFA [US]

- Chair:

US: informs that TN will be the next ECFA Chair (applause!)

- Swiss representative:

US continues by explaining that TN's election to the Chair does not necessarily mean that he can not serve anymore as the Swiss representative. However, his task would be easier if he can concentrate on his mandate. MP and AE share this view. In the ensuing discussion several possibilities (names, research areas) are mentioned, but the EB concludes in saying that the most important thing is that the person must be willing to represent CH, wants to engage him/herself, and has a broad overview of the Swiss activities.

→ US: to ask for nominations (to be sent to JPR) in time for Appenberg *[done]*

- Draft RECFE letter:

TN has received a few comments from the consultation process; he presents them and collects the reactions of the EB members. A revised draft will be circulated again.

→ TN: to produce and circulate a revised version *[done]*

- Questionnaire:

TN informs that ECFA launches a new questionnaire (like earlier ones but accounting for fractions of research time per project).

→ TN: to distribute the questionnaire to the group leaders in Switzerland *[done]*

9. Outreach funding

- New possibilities [US]

US informs that from 2010 onwards the SNF pays an overhead to the universities for each project funded. Part of these funds goes to the institutes involved with rules set up individually by each university. He wonders whether the Institute part could be used for Outreach? MP is sceptical as the Department does already a lot. In addition, Outreach necessitates also first the existence of a good project.

C. Items for information

10. Plenary Appenberg

- Draft programme [US]

US informs about the planned structure: Science will be dealt with on Monday (am and pm) and on Tuesday (pm); The CHIPP Board will meet on Monday (evening) and on Tuesday (late am); CHIPP matters are on the agenda for Tuesday (am). For the talks, US asks the leaders to present planned projects, whereas results should be presented by young scientists. Concerning theory, AE and MP suggest setting a theme and asking for a speaker.

→ US: to talk with Becher.

Furthermore, the EB recommends that there should be only **one** experimental LHC talk for ATLAS,

CMS and LHCb each.

- Organisational details [JPR]

As not yet too many people have registered, JPR asks that the registration is opened again until mid-June.

→ TN: to open the registration again *[done]*

→ US: to send out a reminder about the registration *[done]*

11. M&O request

- The way forward [US]

US informs about the shortfall of 170k after the SNF has cut the request by this amount. As the bills have arrived, he proposes the following pragmatic way out: CMS pixel cat B maintenance will receive the funds only in April next year; LHCb upgrade funds will be used for the remaining bills. According to US, things are not too clear for the future: possibly the LA FORCE could propose to fund Cat A of M&O without evaluation; also, the inclusion (again) of the Swiss CERN Delegate in the FORCE group of SNF might bring some relief; the problem overall is part of the site visits, which have been abandoned by SNF. MP sketches a possible additional way by suggesting that the SNF referee be part of the RRB?

12. Debriefing about earlier meetings / events

- Meeting with Schulthess (CSCS) [US]

The meeting was attended by the CHIPP computing board and the Manno Cluster people and has been held in a very open and friendly atmosphere. Schulthess has informed that Manno will physically move to Lugano and that the universities and ETHs can have a cluster hosted by CSCS. CHIPP Manpower at Manno will be increased by one person who will come on the FORCE computing request.

- Hamburger Hafen-Geburtstag [US]

Switzerland had been invited as special guest; in addition to Appenzeller cheese, to Lindt chocolate and to the Basel Tourist Office, DESY and CHIPP had set up a LHC exhibition. According to US, the exhibition was not very attractive, as there was too much text and not many items (at least an ATLAS model was there). Federal Councillor Leuenberger has visited the LHC exhibition and has listened to the explanations.

- WS on Astroparticles [TN]

The WS was a good success and well done. US wonders whether the talks had been a bit too general. MP explains that this had been done on purpose, as the detailed reports about Swiss activities will follow in the Appenberg Plenary.

13. Status of future meetings

- Other Workshops, Schools etc. in 2009 [all]

No further activities in 2009

- Ascona School 2010 [AE]

AE informs that the funding request has been granted by giving a deficit guarantee; the fee has been set at 900.- for students; the programme and the speakers develop well.

- Zuoz School 2010; [US]

US informs that in summer 2010, the Zuoz school will be on the theme: Challenge of LHC physics.

14. A.O.B.

- US informs that the Austrian Physical Society (letter from Chris Fabian) has asked to use the CHIPP as a model for a new Austrian organisation. There is a strong will to improve the situation after the recent discussion about the relation between Austria and CERN.
- JPR informs that he has completed one year as CHIPP EB secretary and thanks the members for their continues help and confidence. The EB members, especially the chair, are very happy with his strong support for the CHIPP organisation. Without him, it would be impossible to maintain so many activities as CHIPP has now.

The meeting ended at 18.00h

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