



Minutes of the EB meeting 2009-06 on 6 July 2009

Time/place of the meeting: U.BE (room 138), 6 July 2009, 17.00 – 19.00h
Present: Antonio Ereditato (AE), Tatsuya Nakada (TN), Martin Pohl (MP), Ueli Straumann (US, chair), Jean-Pierre Ruder (JPR, secretary).

The Chair opens the meeting at 17.05h.

1. Agenda

The agenda is approved.

2. Apologies

None.

A. Administrative items

3. Minutes of the last meeting (2009-05)

Approved.

4. List of Action Items

Checked and updated.

TN suggests creating a web folder with ECFA survey data (agreed).

5. Meeting calendar

The August and October meetings are confirmed; the November meeting (2009-9) is set at 13 November 2009, 10.00-13.00h, Buffet de la Gare, Lausanne.

→ JPR: to make the reservation at the Buffet and to adapt the meeting calendar.

B. Items for discussion

6. Astroparticle Physics and Theory in the Board

Following up the discussion of June, the EB members have collected names of potential CHIPP Board members. US recalls the Convention (*“Members of the CHIPP Board are the elected professors with activities in experimental or theoretical particle, astroparticle and nuclear physics, and the heads of the experimental and theoretical particle physics groups at PSI.”*). The following proposals come up: Courvoisier (ISDC), Neronov (ISDC), Meylan (EPFL), Moore (U.ZH), Seljak (U.ZH), Lilly (ETHZ). According to MP, the Geneva Observatory people are more focussed to astronomy and not interested in joining CHIPP. In a short exchange of views, it is confirmed that the inclusion of these people does not necessitate a change of the CHIPP Constitution. Their membership – like for all CHIPP Members – is not linked to the position as such but to the field of activity and interest.

→ US: to inform / talk to these persons.

MP wonders how the impact and the involvement of the theoretical physicists in CHIPP could be enhanced. The EB is of the opinion that this has nothing to do with the membership, but rather with the persons as such.

7. Plenary Appenberg

- Draft programme

US presents the latest version of the scientific programme, where still a few open points have to be settled.

→ TN: to discuss with GD about PEBS.

→ US: to sort out CTA and ISDC speaker identification.

AE suggests that the chairpersons should act in a very tough manner in order to maintain the schedule (no time overrun permitted); the EB agrees. The EB is of the opinion that the chairs for the individual sessions should come from another discipline.

→ US: to select chairs accordingly and inform them about the strict timing rules.

- Organisational details [JPR]

JPR informs that the meeting has stirred a very good response with some 60 people registered. As a consequence, the hotel is slightly overbooked.

→ JPR: to see with the hotel for external rooms (in Konolfingen) and with the PhD students / PostDocs about the possibility of sharing rooms.

→ JPR: to check the seating capacity in the meeting room.

8. Board meeting Appenberg

- Draft Agenda

The EB comments the draft agenda and approves it. The EB agrees that if the Board agrees to a revised, updated or new Roadmap, the editorial group – in its agreed composition – will start working.

→ US: to make sure with the members of the editorial group that they are still available and prepared to work.

→ JPR: to check the availability of the SER Roadmap for distribution.

→ AE: to ask the Board (before the meeting) for updated numbers to be used for the CHIPP financial planning tables.

9. Call for Nominations

- Results re CHIPP EB, ECFA Representative

The EB takes note of the result of the Call for Nominations. Whereas the situation for the CHIPP EB members and for the next CHIPP Chair are clear, the nominations for R-ECFA requires some further discussions with possible candidates. Most probably, a choice of 2-4 candidates will be proposed to the Board.

→ US: to circulate the names 14 days in advance of the Board meeting.

10. Prize

- Report on applications received until the deadline

AE reports about the applications received (three in total) and confirms that the files are all complete.

- Schedule for the selection procedure

The procedure requests the EB to assess the candidates, by giving marks according to the given set of criteria.

→ AE, MP, TN: send marks to US, deadline: 13 July.

→ US: to submit the applications together with the average marks given by the EB members to the Board; deadline: 14 July (with reply from Board requested by 10 August).

→ AE: to set up a web link with the application files.

- Procedural changes

The question has come up, why the reference letters have to be submitted by the applicants. The EB agrees that this has to be changed (reference letters to be sent to the responsible EB member).

→ JPR: to change to procedure along these lines.

C. Items for information

11. PostDoc 3rd advertisement

- Status of selection in the experiments [all]

All experiments have held interviews and have selected their preferred candidates. MP underlines again the big success of the advertisement, which has produced 54 candidates of mostly very high quality. 14 candidates in total have been shortlisted by the three experiments. TN thanks JPR for having established the summary list, which has been extremely helpful. The smooth selection would not have been possible without this tool.

The EB agrees that the interviewed but unsuccessful candidates in each experiment would only be informed once the winner has accepted the job. The unsuccessful candidates will be informed by JPR.

→ JPR to inform unsuccessful candidates: (a) immediate action for not-interviewed applicants; (b) information to the not selected shortlisted candidates after having received green light from the group leaders.

→ MP, TN to inform JPR when the winners in ATLAS and LHCb have accepted the job.

→ JPR: to inform GD about the result and procedure and ask for the required information.

→ JPR: to check the possible starting date of the CMS candidate.

The EB agrees to hold a discussion about the prolongation of the C-15 beyond 2011 in the October EB. At this point in time, the ProDoc decision will be known.

12. Status of future meetings

- Ascona School 2010

AE reports about the status of preparation: the funding contract is about to be signed, the preparations for the website will be discussed soon with U.ZH, the official announcement should be ready around the Appenberg meeting, one speaker is still missing (but a suggestion is expected soon).

- Zuoz School 2010: Title "Gearing up for LHC Physics", covering both theoretical and experimental aspects of the early days data analysis at LHC.

1-7 August 2010, organised by PSI, the school is supported by CHIPP. A website does not exist yet.

- Other WS and Schools

- The ZH WS on High End Frontier will have to be fixed in the October EB.

- US informs about a School on Astrophysics in Saas-Fee organised by the ISDC (15-20 March 2010, <http://www.isdc.unige.ch/sf2010/>).

13. A.O.B.

- US informs about the positive reply he has received from State Secretary Dell'Ambrogio regarding the possible new funding line for Large Infrastructures (FOLIS). A meeting will take place beginning of September. There are already several fact sheets available: PEBS, DARWIN, CTA, Large Underground Neutrino Detectors.

→ US: to contact SER for fixing a meeting date.

- MP has been approached by the Academy of Natural Sciences (scnat; <http://www.scnat.ch/>) about a possible membership of CHIPP. The EB asks MP to further explore this.

→ MP: to explore a possible membership of CHIPP in scnat.

- TN would like to understand the FORCE manpower rules.

→ JPR to send rules to TN.

The meeting ended at 18.45h

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