

Time/place of the meeting: Buffet de la Gare, Lausanne, 9 April 2010, 10-13h,
Present: Laura Baudis (LB), Klaus Kirch (KK), Martin Pohl (MP, chair), Tatsuya Nakada (TN), Jean-Pierre Ruder (JPR, secretary).

The Chair opens the meeting at 10.15h

1. Agenda

The agenda is approved.

2. Apologies

None.

A. Administrative items

3. Minutes of the last meeting (2010-02)

The minutes of the last meeting are approved (with thanks to the minute writer).

4. List of Action Items

[MP]

The list of action items is checked; several of the open items are on today's agenda.

→ MP: to remind Collangelo regarding the June flavour workshop's url address

→ TN: to find out in RRB about cost changes in M&O

→ KK: to check / find out cost sharing within CLOUD (FORCE, PSI)

→ MP: to talk to AE regarding the Roadmap: the first draft is overdue for three weeks already.

5. Next EB meeting

[JPR]

TN informs about some conflicts with the next two meeting dates. After a short discussion the EB decides to merge the May and the June meeting on 1 June 2010, 14.15h-16.30h in Berne.

The meetings of 10 May and of 7 June are cancelled.

→ JPR: to identify a meeting room in Berne

B. Items for discussion

6. FOLIS

- Extension on national installations?

[MP, KK]

KK would like to understand whether projects located in Switzerland could be potential candidates for FOLIS. MP clarifies that this should not pose a problem as long as the international context is respected. A corresponding clarification will be introduced. KK is also curious about a potentially negative impact (at the SER level) of the strong involvement of the Zurich area in the present project list. According to MP this should not be a problem, because the projects would be selected anyhow according to their scientific merit (identical to FORCE).

TN brings up again the question of the possible overhead wrt. to SNF funding. Also in this case, MP underlines the strict analogy with FORCE (i.e. no overhead); in case there is a problem of interpretation inside the EPFL, TN might ask for a letter of clarification from the SNF. With these remarks, the EB endorses the executive summary of FOLIS, which will be used for the first time in the Round Table meeting (see item 9).

→ JPR: to produce final version

7. Outreach

- Communication network: Status Report [MP]

MP recalls that the decision in Berne is on hold because the Rector requests some accompanying funds for the additional tasks.

- Swiss representative in EPPCN [MP]
(European Particle Physics Coordination Network)

MP recalls the history of the coordinative activities with the ETHZ and U.BE and mentions again the present situation with U.BE agreeing but asking for being paid for the additional work. He sees two possible ways out and suggests to follow both: find someone who does this free of charge or find some funds. He has already contacted PSI to see the possibilities there (KK will discuss the matter with HPB on Monday) and will write to SNF to ask for advice about its support to Outreach.

→ MP: to write to SNF

→ KK: to discuss with HPB

→ MP: to inform CERN, once the matter is settled.

C. Items for information

8. C-15 2012 Request for extension: Status Report [MP]

JPR informs about the new philosophy regarding the distribution of funds for the PostDocs for the remaining years of the current funding period (2010 and 2011): the individual Host institutes of the C-15 PostDocs have been given a lump sum amount earmarked for the salaries of the PostDocs. This facilitates the planning security for the Centre's funding, which is an important prerequisite for the planning of the 'non-funded' extension year 2012. In this respect, MP informs about the 2012 request and the corresponding answer of SUK as well as about the contacts of US with Eichler. The EB is concerned about the possible cut of the C-15 funds (indirectly mentioned in the SUK answer with context of the consolidation programme of the Confederations) and MP will inquire about the schedule of decisions of the SUK. Looking further ahead, he is of the opinion that the Centre should continue to work and he would therefore very strongly recommend submitting an application for the period 2013-2016 (according to the rules to be set by the SER). The EB supports this recommendation.

→ MP to call Mrs. Weiss at the end of April

9. Round Table "International Representation": Status Report [MP]

MP recalls the situation (no coherent long-term commitment possible, difficulties to identify an official representative) and looks forward to the meeting on 30 April (participants: SER, SNF, CRUS, scnat).

10. Membership in scnat: Status Report [MP]

JPR reports about his talks with Pfister, indicating that scnat is very open to a potential membership of CHIPP, which could have either of the two forms: membership as 'Fachgesellschaft' or as a scnat Committee. CHIPP will also have to see whether the Plenary or the Board are involved. In the ensuing discussion, KK states his worries about the 'Fachgesellschaft' path, because the 'Fachgesellschaft' of the physicists is the SPS; entering scnat as a 'Fachgesellschaft' particle physics would mean that the SPS is split. KK therefore would favour CHIPP to become a Committee. The next step will be the meeting of MP with the scnat President.

In the context of the membership discussion, again the subject of 'legal entity' comes up and MP

asks himself if this status is really so important. If yes, CHIPP should become an association (Verein), which would lead to membership contributions from the CHIPP institutes. TN would be favourable of doing this.

11. CHIPP Prize 2010: Status

[KK]

KK has not yet received any application. MP proposes to send out a reminder by 25 May.
→ JPR: to send out reminder

12. CTA: Status report

[R. Walter]

Roland Walter (ISDC) has been invited to present the latest status of the project. He informs briefly about the scientific workforce behind the project (overall: 177 FTEs, CH: 10 FTEs) and the activities at the Swiss institutes involved (U.ZH, U.GE, ETHZ, EPFL). The project office is supported through the FP7 Research Programme of the EU with 5.2 M€ for 3 years (full presentation: see [slides](#)).

13. Saas Fee School on Astrophysics: Report

[R. Walter]

Walter reports about the successful Saas Fee School of Astrophysics (supported by CHIPP), which has taken place in Les Diablerets. It offered 28 hours of lectures by three speakers (Aharonian, Heidelberg; Bergström, Stockholm; Dermer, Fermi) plus five hours about Fermi hands-on and three hours about ISDC activities. 104 participants ($\frac{1}{3}$ physicists, $\frac{2}{3}$ astronomers) from 20 countries attended the School (33 from Switzerland), who disposed of a budget of 55 kCHF.

14. CHIPP PhD School: feedback from students

[JPR]

JPR reports about the feedback from the students attending the School which took place in Ascona. The overall assessment was very positive, regarding the content, the speakers and the location. Specific suggestions have been made which shall be taken into account when planning for the next School (e.g. one speaker less for the benefit of personal study time and exercises/discussion sessions; availability of the slides; arrange the student talks according to the lecturer's topics). Low marks have been given for the restaurant service and the availability of the internet.
→ JPR: to store these feedbacks and to inject them in the planning of the next school.

15. Status of future meetings

- WS on High Energy Frontier (Zurich) [MP]
Will take place now on 1 and 2 September.
- WS at PSI (Physics of Symmetries and Interactions at Low Energies and the Precision Frontier): 11-14 October 2010 [KK]
Planning and preparations are on track.
- WS on Astrophysics (June 2011) [MP, TN]
Will take place in Geneva
- WS on Neutrino physics (September 2011) [LB, AE]
Will possibly take place in Berne

16. A.O.B.

- Institutional membership of universities in SPS?
KK suggests that the CHIPP institutes become members of the SPS and asks the EB members to make some publicity for this. Collective membership is foreseen in the statutes; the applications will have to be initiated by the physicists via the institute director – Dean – Rector/President. He also informs that the SPS has decided to offer free membership for students and student organisations.
→ MP/LB/KK/TN: make publicity for the institutional membership.

The chair closes the meeting at 12.45h

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