

## Minutes of the EB meeting 2010-07 on 25 October 2010

Time/place of the meeting: 25 October 2010, 13.45-16h, Schweizerische Akademie der Naturwissenschaften SCNAT, Schwarztörstrasse 9, 3007 Bern

Present: Laura Baudis (LB), Tatsuya Nakada (TN), Martin Pohl (MP, Chair), Jean-Pierre Ruder (JPR, Secretary)

Guest for item 10: Antonio Ereditato (AE)

The Chair opens the meeting at 13.50h

### 1. Agenda

The following topics are added:

- meetings 2011 → item 5
- Roadmap – timetable → new item 10
- EPS conference → item 14

With these add-ons, the agenda is approved.

### 2. Apologies

The EB notes the apologies from Klaus Kirch.

### A. Administrative items

#### 3. Minutes of the last meeting (2010-06)

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 and updated.

#### 5. Next EB meeting

[MP]

**2010-08:** 29 November 2010, Berne, 13.45h

The meeting is confirmed.

**Meetings 2011:** after a short exchange of views, the EB aims at meeting on Thursday. The first meeting is tentatively fixed at 13 Jan 2011

→ JPR: to contact KK and check his availability in principle.

→ JPR: to fix the meeting dates together with MP and to inform the EB via Doodle.

## **B. Items for discussion**

### **6. CHIPP as a 'Verein'**

- Seat, Membership definition, and next steps [MP]

JPR reports about his investigation regarding taxes and seat. According to the Federal Tax Office, the CHIPP Verein would most probably be exempt from VAT; the final rules will be published at the end of October in a corresponding 'Merkblatt'.

→ JPR: to check the availability of the 'Merkblatt'.

According to JPR, the 'Verein' will not be exempt from cantonal and communal taxes; however, they are very small, especially if the 'Verein' chooses a commune in the Canton Schwyz as his seat. Gersau – where the decision about being transformed into a 'Verein' had been taken – would serve well for this purpose.

→ EB conclusion:

The CHIPP Verein shall have its seat at Gersau (to be inserted in the Statutes).

→ JPR: to check the necessity of disposing of a postal address in Schwyz.

Finally, JPR continues by saying that the legal procedures in case the 'Verein' is taken to court do not differ very much from canton to canton; therefore, this is not a decisive element in the discussion about the seat.

MP reports about the positive feedback from his colleagues from the Board regarding the revised definition of Membership, which covers all 'Professors'.

→ EB conclusion:

The revised definition for membership shall be inserted into the statutes and the process shall be closed in agreement with the SCNAT schedule.

The next steps for the transformation are:

→ JPR: to produce the revised version of the Statutes.

→ JPR: to submit the text for comments to the Board members having attended the Gersau meeting.

→ JPR: to invite all members of the Board to approve the final version of the statutes.

### **7. CHIPP money tables**

- Draft table and open points [LB]

LB informs about the progress made and the still ongoing discussions regarding the coherence of some of the numbers. At present, a small number of FORCE requests are still missing (*Note of the minute writer: after the meeting reduced to one*).

Next steps are:

→ LB, JPR: to finalise the dialogue about the still open points (16.11).

→ JPR: to circulate the finalised table to the EB members (with 1 week reaction time).

→ MP: to forward the tables to the SER (in week 47).

### **8. Centre for Advanced Studies C15: Annual Report 2010**

- First draft [JPR]

Postponed to the November meeting.

### **9. Centre for Advanced Studies C15: Sketch 2013-2016**

- Sketch for submission to Administration UZH [JPR]

The UZH has asked U. Straumann to submit a first sketch for the continuation of the C15 project over the period 2013-2016. The EB is invited to comment and endorse the proposal.

MP briefly presents the idea, which basically continues with the Centre for Advanced Studies as is. There are two major changes, which have to be discussed:

- since the ProDoc programme is discontinued, the C15 will have to include not only PostDocs but also PhD positions;
- the funding for the Centre has to be taken over gradually by the institutes.

In addition, the question regarding the scientific subjects (the pillars of the Roadmap) to be eligible for C15 funding is on the table. Further, it has to be noted that from 2016 onwards, also the CHIPP Administrator will have to be paid by the institutes.

MP suggests to reduce the ratio of PostDocs to PhD students to 1:1 (was 1:2 in the initial proposal); this would lead to 10 PhD students (instead of 20). In addition, he suggests limiting the scope to the LHC activities (especially also in view of the institutes having to take over the overall funding, which will necessarily be accompanied by reallocation of internal resources of the institute, i.e. a redistribution of the resources between the different particle physics fields).

→ EB conclusion:

The EB agrees with the sketch project and supports the intention of U. Straumann to call a meeting of all institutes concerned in order to discuss the funding issue and the process for getting the approval of all parent universities and ETHs.

→ JPR: to adapt the sketch (including the funding needs) and to transmit it to U. Straumann.

#### 10. Roadmap (with AE as guest)

- The way forward [AE]

MP reports about his contacts with one member of the Editing Board and the resulting *modus operandi* allowing to reduce the role of that member. AE is happy about this agreement, but is moreover of the opinion that the original plan will have to be revised towards a simpler text aiming more specifically at the implementation of the present Roadmap instead of writing a new one. MP confirms after having read again the old Roadmap that there are not very many real changes. The EB agrees with AE that action is urgent now and that the whole undertaking will be stopped and cancelled if no text is available for the January Board meeting.

AE, LB and MP constitute the new drafting committee and will meet twice in November (18 [at 12h] and 30 [at 10h] in Bern).

→ AE, LB, MP: to draft the Roadmap implementation before the end of the year.

→ LB: to send the latest version of the present draft text to MP.

### C. Items for information

#### 11. M&O request 2011

- Drafting: Status and timetable [TN]

TN informs that the latest round is underway and that the request will be uploaded by the end of this week. The amount requested is slightly below this years funding and stands at 1.042 MCHF.

→ JPR: to upload the request at the end of this week (i.e. on 29 October at the latest)

#### 12. Plenary 2011

- Search for location: Status [MP]

JPR has visited the two best offers (Leysin and Villars) and reports that – taking into account all aspects – Leysin offers better value for money.

→ EB conclusion:

The Plenary 2011 will be held on 1 and 2 September 2011 in Leysin.

#### 13. Workshops and Schools: short reports

- WS on High Energy Frontier (Zurich) [MP]

MP summarizes U. Straumann's written report: An interesting Workshop attended by 54 registered participants leading to good, useful and motivating discussions between PostDocs and PhD students across the collaboration border lines. There was considerable interest for the CLIC and e+e- collider talks. The disappointing element was the weak participation from the western part of Switzerland (should be improved) and that the extremely low attendance of

the responsible professors.

- School on Flavour Physics (Berne)

[MP]

MP summarizes G. Colangelo's written report: The School was organized in the framework of the European Flavianet Network and attracted 43 students (of which 18 from Berne), which showed a very high commitment to lectures and exercises. The feedback of the students showed 4.1 points (out of 5) for the scientific programme and 4.0 for the School overall. The main criticism of the students concerned the lack of coordination among the lecturers. The disappointing element was the fact that no student from another Swiss university attended.

- WS on Physics of Symmetries and Interactions at low energies and the precision frontier, 11-14 Oct 2010, PSI [KK/MP]

MP, who has attended for one day, found the Workshop lively and interesting, covering a very vast programme. He suggests postponing the 'real' report to the November EB.

→ KK: to be taken up again in November

#### **14. Status of future meetings**

- CHIPP PhD Winter School Leukerbad (9-14 Jan 2011) [MP]

MP reports, that lecturers have been found for all but one subject and reminds the EB that support may be requested for students disposing of limited financial resources.

#### **15. A.O.B.**

- EPS: TN mentions that at present three applications are pursued: Zurich, Rome and Stockholm. The Zurich application has been well prepared whereas the (not retained) application from Geneva was too general and not supported too well scientifically.

The Chair closes the meeting at 15.55h

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