

## Minutes of the EB meeting 2010-08 on 29 November 2010

Time/place of the meeting: 29 November 2010, 13.45-16h, Schweizerische Akademie der Naturwissenschaften SCNAT, Schwarztorstrasse 9, 3007 Bern

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

The Chair opens the meeting at 13.45h

### 1. Agenda

Several points under AOB are added. With these additions, the agenda is approved.

### 2. Apologies

None.

### A. Administrative items

#### 3. Minutes of the last meeting (2010-07)

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]

2011-01: 12 January 2011, Berne, 13.45h

The meeting is confirmed; it will be preceded by a common lunch in Berne.

→ JPR: to organise the lunch

#### 6. EB meetings 2011

[MP]

- Confirmation of dates set

The dates already set are confirmed (12 Jan, 2 Mar, 29 Mar, 11 May, 23 Aug (reserve), 12 Oct, 8 Nov, 7 Dec. All meetings are planned to be held in Berne.

- Search for meeting date June/July

[MP]

The dates are set at: 3 Jun and 5 Jul.

→ JPR: to publish the dates on the CHIPP webpage.

→ JPR: to book a meeting room at SCNAT for each date.

## **B. Items for discussion**

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

[JPR]

- Result of legal check and next steps

JPR presents the latest news (as stated in the Email to the Board Members who have attended the Gersau Board): the open points are settled (definition of Membership, seat, VAT, tax) and the texts have been checked by a legal expert (leading to one substantial change: each Member of the Plenary must have the possibility to request (a) an amendment of the Statutes (right of initiative) and (b) a vote of the Plenary regarding a decision of the Board on the Statutes or the By-Laws (right of referendum). After a short question and answer session – leading to two minor adjustments - the Chair asks the EB to conclude.

→ EB conclusion:

The EB agrees to the final text of the Statutes and the By-Laws and recommends them to the Board for approval.

The Board approval will be sought after 5 Dec, once the Gersau Board Members have approved the texts.

→ JPR: to invite all Board Members to approve the final version of the Statutes and the By-Laws.

### **8. CHIPP Money Table**

[LB]

- Status and difficulties

LB presents the latest version of the CHIPP long-term financial estimates (version 16 Nov) which have been collected from the Group and Project Leaders. She informs the EB that an estimate has been used to fill the gap created by the missing FORCE request. TN wonders whether the EB should not scrutinize the numbers in more detail to be sure that they are commensurate with the individual group's competences and potential and to better defend the requests in LA FORCE. The EB does not share this position, judging it as being the task of the SNF evaluation process.

→ EB conclusion:

The EB agrees to the final version of the CHIPP long-term financial estimates and to the distribution of the table to the LA FORCE.

→ JPR: to forward the table to the SER for distribution to the LA FORCE.

### **9. LA FORCE**

- CHIPP position on basis of CHIPP money tables [MP]

MP presents the slides he will show in the LA FORCE on 3 December. They contain also the guidelines for the SNF regarding the priorities for the allocation of funds and are amended during the meeting in an interactive way by the EB.

→ EB conclusion:

The EB agrees to the slides as amended during the meeting (including the guidelines) and to the final version of the CHIPP long-term financial estimates and to their distribution to the LA FORCE.

→ JPR: to forward the guidelines to the SER for distribution to the LA FORCE.

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

- First draft

[JPR]

JPR briefly presents the draft, which shows the manifold activities of CHIPP in the year 2010. The missing input from three institutes is expected to be handed in by 5 December. TN reminds the EB that 2011 is the last year of the initially agreed duration and also the year in which the new request must be submitted to SUK; in this context, he suggests to organise a Workshop where all the C15 PostDocs present the result of their work, which

could be collected in a brochure and used as supporting documentation for the new request.

→ EB conclusion:

The EB is enthusiastic about this proposal and agrees to proceed in that way (see agenda item 14).

Regarding the planned reduction of the working time of one of the PostDocs, the EB suggests that TN contacts the C-15 Project Leader directly.

### **C. Items for information**

#### **11. Outreach Strategy Paper**

- Status report

[MP]

MP informs that the Outreach Strategy Paper has been forwarded to F. Pauss who will contact the SNF in this matter.

#### **12. Report from other committees**

- SAC of ApPEC

[LB]

LB reports briefly from the Science Advisory Committee of ApPEC: The review of the Roadmap (written 3 years ago) is done in Working Groups (constituted according to the different fields that are dealt with in the Roadmap) and takes into account new projects. The WGs will produce recommendations linked to their specific field of activity until mid-December. She will be able to provide an update of the work status in mid-January, once the results of all the WGs are available.

→ LB: to provide an update of the work in mid-January.

Regarding ApPEC activities, LB mentions that the second ASPERA call for proposals related to neutrino mass measurements and to cosmic rays has been closed. Three competing R&D projects on double beta decay experiments have been submitted (one with Zurich).

MP informs that the Astroparticle ERA-Net ASPERA will end in 2012. The representative of the German BMFT suggests transforming the ApPEC and ASPERA into a permanent organisation, which could be structured like CERN. The EB is rather surprised by this suggestion, which is not really in line with the German position elsewhere regarding the creation of new international organisations. A more detailed discussion on the matter shall be held in the January EB meeting, for which the Swiss ASPERA representative (Maurice Bourquin) is invited. Depending on the outcome of that discussion, the matter shall also be taken up in the CHIPP Board meeting of 26 January.

→ MP: to invite M. Bourquin to the EB of 12 January.

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

- WS on Physics of Symmetries and Interactions PSI 2010 [KK]

KK reports from the WS, which was the second of this kind organised at PSI and has attracted 146 participants from 17 countries (46 from CH). It saw 65 oral presentations and 30 posters with a rough distribution of 15% theoretical and 85% experimental subjects. He found the WS lively and interesting and the participants very motivated and active. This is also shown by the fact that they have expressed a strong wish to meet again in this configuration in 2 to 3 years. An element to be improved was the rather low attendance by participants from Swiss institutes other than PSI.

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

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

MP informs that the programme, focussing on astroparticle physics, is available on the web

(<http://www.chipp.ch/WinterSchool2011/programme.html>). He asks the EB colleagues to encourage their students to register.

→ TN, KK, LB: to encourage their students to register and to pass this message to other colleagues.

- WS 2011:

- Astroparticle Physics

[MP, TN]

MP and TN agree that the WS will take place in the Swiss Romande (location still TBD); 7/8 July 2011 have been set as tentative date.

→ MP, TN: to decide on the location and on the local organisers.

- Neutrino Physics

[AE, LB]

A tentative date has been set (30 November 2011); regarding the location, LB will consult with A. Ereditato.

→ LB: to contact AE re the WS location and the local organisers.

- C15 results (PostDocs and ProDoc)

The goal of the WS has been set during this meeting (see agenda item 10); a potential date (July 29) has been fixed in function of the EPS-HEP conference (21-27 July), which will reduce the additional workload for the speakers. Envisaged location: Zurich (the Project Leader's institute).

→ MP: to contact US for organising this conference.

## 15. A.O.B.

- LB informs that the price tag for an institute (or department) to become a collective member of the SPS stands at 2500 CHF and that ZH, EPFL and GE have already acquired this status. KK mentions that Student's Associations are also welcome (no membership fee) and encourages the EB colleagues to forward this information to the interested circles.

→ TN, LB: to contact the Student's Associations in this respect.

- KK informs that the SPS Annual meeting will take place from 15 to 17 June in Lausanne, organised as a joint meeting of the Swiss and the Austrian Physical Society and the colleagues from Astrophysics. He continues by mentioning that at present the Plenary speakers are being identified, a process for which input from the colleagues is welcome.

→ MP, TN, LB: to provide input regarding Plenary speakers.

- KK mentions that his term as SPS task representative for particle physics will end in June 2011 and that a successor is sought. According to him it would make sense that this is again a Professor and he is of the opinion that CHIPP should make a proposal. MP is of the opinion that it would make sense to include this important task in the EB task list and make sure an EB candidate is presented at the SPS general assembly.

→ MP: to further consult with KK.

- MP informs that Bulgaria goes through the same painful process of possibly dropping out of CERN as did Austria a year ago. He has been contacted by the Bulgarian physicists asking for support.

→ MP: to inform the CHIPP members directly

The Chair closes the meeting at 16.05h

1 December 2010

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