

Minutes of the EB meeting 2011-02 on 2 March 2011

Time/place of the meeting: 2 March 2011, 13.45-16h, Schweizerische Akademie der Naturwissenschaften SCNAT, Schwarztorstrasse 9, 3007 Bern

Present: Laura Baudis (LB), Klaus Kirch (KK), Martin Pohl (MP, Chair), Jean-Pierre Ruder (JPR, Secretary)

The Chair opens the meeting at 13.50h

1. Agenda

The agenda is approved.

2. Apologies

The EB notes the apologies received from TN.

A. Administrative items

3. Minutes of the last meeting (2011-01)

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

4. List of Action Items

The list of action items is checked and updated. Specifically, the following comments are made:

→ Outreach paper: MP to remind HPB to deliver a new version.

→ SPS membership: MP to remind AE that his Institute should acquire SPS membership.

→ Roadmap implementation: MP to ensure that the following schedule is kept: distribute the next version to the Board in mid-March; feedback of the Board Members till end-March; new version to be ready in time for the extraordinary Board of 11 April.

5. Next EB meeting

2011-03: new date as agreed after the doodle inquiry: 30 March 2011, Berne, 09.45h

The meeting is confirmed.

B. Items for discussion

6. Round Table International Projects

- Subjects to be discussed

MP enumerates the several themes that have been suggested for the next meeting of the Round Table International (to be called by SCNAT): ApPEC new structure (from M. Bourquin), ICFA seminar (from TN), CTA Resources Board (from U. Straumann), MoU experiment upgrade (from TN). The EB agrees that these themes should be discussed asap in the Round Table.

- The way forward
MP suggests that he should write a letter to the SCNAT informing them about these subjects for discussion and asking for a meeting in the not too distant future (possibly in May).
→ JPR: to draft the corresponding letter.

C. Items for information

7. CHIPP as a 'Verein': Status of application

MP informs that the SCNAT has acknowledged the receipt of the application and that he will attend the Delegiertenversammlung of SCNAT on 20 May 2011 in Berne.

8. Centre for Advanced Studies C15: Annual Report 2010

- Status report

JPR informs that the Annual Report has been sent to the funding authorities on 21 February (due date 28 February) and expresses his thanks to the institutes that have helped him to produce the Report in time.

With respect to the next period of support (2013-2016) MP informs the EB that the call for proposals has been published by SUK. He stresses the fact that the focus is more on 'Centre of Competence', harmonisation and coordination, and that pure research projects (or projects containing a large research element) will not be accepted. The criteria as published request

- the unity of 'Teaching and Research',
- the project being well embedded in the university's long-term strategy,
- a realistic planning schedule for the expected expenses,
- a stable plan for continuing with the project after 2016,
- a high potential of innovation and originality, as well as
- a high degree of relevance regarding science and education policy.

In a brain-storming type of exchange of views, the EB develops several ideas and components of a CHIPP proposal: stress more the impact of networking in the frame of CHIPP (coordination and harmonisation), demonstrate that joint output is larger than the sum of the individual outputs, highlight (and re-enforce) the collaboration and coordination with the CSCS Manno (which is already today an important element of the ETH domain), integrate the PostDocs & PhD students more in cross-institute networks (like exchange of PostDocs within the institutes working on the same experiment or creating specific experiment networks), show that the integration of the ProDoc programme is a central element of the required unity of Teaching and Research, underline the changing tasks over time, where at the beginning of the period (funded through SUK) learning and teaching is in the foreground, whereas in the second half of the project (funded progressively by the institutes), research activities are in the focus, give enough weight to the CHIPP Schools and Workshops. For this new request, PSI should be part of the game (KK agrees). An alternative with 12 positions should also be calculated.

→ JPR: to draft (together with US) a pre-proposal with as many details as possible in time for the Board meeting (11 April), which can then serve as supporting document for the individual discussions of the institutes with the rectors.

9. extraordinary Board Meeting

- How to involve the EB members

The EB Members who can not attend the extraordinary Board meeting will have the possibility to provide written input to the Roadmap Implementation Paper before the meeting. New versions will be available on 15 March and 1 April

→ MP: to ensure the availability of the versions as agreed.

- Agenda items

MP stresses that he would like to limit the meetings agenda to the Roadmap Implementation Paper and to the C15 request for the next period (2013-2016).

10. Short reports

- Workshops and Schools: none
- Other Committees: SAC of ApPEC: LB has no news regarding the ApPEC Roadmap and will remind the SAC Chair on the matter.

11. Status of future meetings

- WS 2011:
 - Astroparticle Physics, 7/8 July 2011: date set, location tbd.
 - C-15 mid-term results, 28/29 July 2011: date and location (ZH) set; preparation will start in spring.
 - Neutrino Physics, 9-11 Dec 2011: potential date set, search for location has started.
→ JPR: to submit potential locations to AE and LB
 - Axion Wimp, 27 June-1 July 2011: under preparation by LB, location: Patras (GR).
- Other meetings:
 - SPS Annual Meeting, 15-17 June, Lausanne
→ KK: to send out a reminder for abstracts.

12. A.O.B.

- MP informs about a letter that has been sent from SER to the rectors. In the context of the preparation of the Research Bill to Parliament 2013-2016, the SER asks for input regarding the long-term planning of the universities in space activities. MP encourages the colleagues to inquire at their university about this letter (if there is interest).
- MP informs about a planned hadron collider school in Göttingen, which will be submitted to the ERASMUS programme of the EU and which could start in 2012. KK suggest that CHIPP could make some publicity for this school, but warns also of unwanted date collisions (the German semester holidays do not coincide with the Swiss ones). MP is not against such an approach and will follow up the matter.
→ MP: to follow up the development of the hadron collider school in ERASMUS.
- MP informs that he has asked the SER for information regarding FOLIS. It seems that the matter is dealt with in the framework of the SNF 'Leistungsvereinbarung'. The EB agrees that MP has a direct exchange of views with AE and tries to get invited to the so-called 'Quartalsgespräche' SER/SNF.
→ MP: to contact AE with the aim of getting invited to the SER/SNF 'Quartalsgespräche'.
- KK informs that PSI has received some 70 applications for the succession of A. Denner.

The Chair closes the meeting at 15.10h

10 March 2011

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