

Minutes of the EB meeting 2011-05 on 13 July 2011

Time/place of the meeting: 13 July 2011, 15.15-17.15h, Schweizerische Akademie der Naturwissenschaften SCNAT, Schwarztorstrasse 9, 3007 Bern

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

The Chair opens the meeting at 15.20h.

1. Agenda

No additional items are added; the agenda is approved as is.

2. Apologies

None.

A. Administrative items

3. Minutes of the last meeting (2011-04)

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, commented and updated.

5. Next EB meetings

- 2011-06: 23 August 2011, Berne, 13.45h:
The meeting is postponed to 31 August 2011 (evening) at Leysin (Plenary meeting).
→ JPR: to adapt the hotel bookings
→ JPR: to inform the SCNAT
- 2011-07: 12 October 2011, Bern, 09.15h:
The meeting date is confirmed; however, the start is shifted to 09.45h. The meeting will be followed by a joint lunch.
→ JPR: to inform the SCNAT.
→ JPR: to suggest Restaurant.

B. Items for discussion

6. CHIPP Prize

- Evaluation of applications
KK has made available the files of the candidates; the EB members have done the individual evaluation and informed KK about their findings.

- Next steps

The Board will be invited to assess the applications (deadline: end-July).

→ KK: to submit the applications to the Board for assessment (deadline: end-July).

→ KK: to contact A. Ereditato for producing the diploma

7. SUK proposal 2013-2016: Status & next steps

MP reports from the meeting of the CRUS where the Geneva Rector has not supported the CHIPP project (it seems that the Vice-Rector, who had been briefed, was not invited to the meeting).

After a brief exchange of views, the EB decides to continue fighting for the project. An 'Argumentarium' shall be written and the consequences of not continuing the project clearly spelled out. MP and U. Straumann will ask for a meeting with their Rectors, in order to get their support for the planned submission of end-September. The EB would be very pleased if also the BE Rector would give his support.

The 'Argumentarium' should highlight the C15 success story at political, research and education level (increased physics impacts at CERN, increased coordination role of CHIPP, increased political recognition), show the return on investment (exploiting the LHC project phases, describing the 2013-2016 analysis work of the result of 7TeV and the upgrade to 14 TeV), and stress the IT support (Tier2 at CSCS, GRID support, experiment support). In addition to presenting the 'Argumentarium', the discussion with the Rectors will deal with possible down-sizing of the project, the ratio of Eigenmittel/Fremdmittel, and the continuation after 2016. Overall, the project thrust will not be changed but the stress might be shifted here and there.

→ MP: to produce a draft 'Argumentarium' and submit it for comments to US and JPR.

→ MP: to contact A. Ereditato for trying to involve the BE Rector.

→ JPR: to produce graph with options/alternatives.

[In the mean time, the feed-back received from the Rector of GE leaves little hope for a successful re-submission.

Other ways are currently being explored. The Argumentarium is put on hold.]

8. CHIPP Association: Membership fee – Proposal to the Board for discussion

MP recalls that the Board has agreed in January to have a discussion about Membership fees in August. In the light of the above, it is crucial that this discussion takes place now on the basis of a firm proposal. JPR presents the four options worked out in close collaboration with MP: fee per CHIPP Member, a fee per CHIPP Board Member, a flat rate per participating institute, a flat rate per institution of Higher Education.

The EB discusses the options. MP notes that the flat rate penalizes small institutes like BS and FR. The EB is not in favour of waiving the flat rate for the two institutes and discards the flat rate options all together. After a further exchange of views the EB suggests to go for a contribution per Board member with voting rights, since it is this circle of people that takes the decisions. TN suggests introducing the membership fee already in 2012 with a small budget; this suggestion is refined by KK, proposing a gradual build up over the period 2012-2014 with 50, 75, and 100% resp. of the full contribution. On the basis of the actual number of voting Board Members (44) and assuming a budget of 120k, the individual fee would stand at approx. 2700 CHF/year. A full proposal will be presented to the Board in September.

→ JPR: to prepare a revised proposal

9. Board meeting 1/2 September 2011: Agenda

MP leads the EB through the draft agenda; several items are briefly discussed. The EB suggests to hold the January CHIPP Board in week 3 (identified dates: 18 or 19 January) at ETHZ (starting with a joint lunch), and proposes the 2012 Plenary to take place during week 37 (10/11 or 13/14 September) in Eastern Switzerland.

→ JPR: to adapt the Agenda according to the discussion in the EB.

10. Plenary 2011 Leysin: Final Programme & Speakers

MP explains briefly the scientific programme. TN would like to know, whether a non-CHIPP person should also be invited. In view of the longer than usual talks from the LHC experiments, the EB would not like to follow this suggestion, whereas TN's offer to speak about the European Strategy update process is gladly accepted. In view of the already rather tight programme, the POLAR and AxPET experiments will not be added to the talks.

JPR informs about the tight situation regarding the hotel rooms, as there is a large sports event taking place at the same time in Leysin. There will be a request to participants for teaming up and sharing double rooms.

→ MP/JPR: to finalise the programme and upload it on the CHIPP internet site.

→ JPR: to send out the request for teaming up.

C. Items for information

11. CHIPP EB (Elections and Re-elections)

- Collection of names
- Proposal for Chair & new member to the Board

MP explains that he intends to leave the EB and that therefore (a) one of the remaining members should be proposed as Chair and (b) one new EB member should be elected. The recent election of TN as Scientific Secretary of the European Strategy Session of Council (3 years, starting 1 July 2011) brings a new element to the discussion. The EB congratulates TN to his election. After a first round of discussion in the meeting, the EB members will continue their consultation. Anyhow, the Board should be invited to suggest names of potential candidates, taking into account the geographical and the institutional balance of the EB.

→ MP: to continue consultations with the EB colleagues.

→ MP: to invite the Board for suggesting names of potential candidates.

→ MP: to submit the final package to the Board by mid-August at the latest.

12. CRUS survey on 'costly infrastructures'

MP informs that the CRUS is about to start work on a mandate identifying and defining 'costly infrastructures'. This work is done in view of the forthcoming new legislation (*Bundesgesetz über die Förderung der Hochschulen und die Koordination im schweizerischen Hochschulbereich* [HFKG]). The EB agrees that the CHIPP Chair is the contact point for this exercise and invites MP to see that the report does not deviate too much from a SWTR report published in 2009 (Publication of the Swiss Council for Science and Technology: "The scientific coordination at national level of especially expensive fields" [SWTR Schrift 4/2009])¹.

→ MP: to liaise with CRUS in this matter.

13. CERN M&O costs – News from the RRB re cost changes

TN informs that there is no foreseeable change in the RRB costs; the numbers for 2012 will be published ahead of the October RRB.

14. Agora request: status

MP informs that the SNF request is under preparation and that he will discuss the matter with H.-P. Beck still this week. The EB underlines the deadline of 15 August, which must be met under all circumstances.

15. Short reports

- Other Committees: SAC of ApPEC

LB informs that the Roadmap has been discussed in Aspera and some revisions have been suggested.

This process will end early September in view of presenting the Roadmap to politicians in November.

LB expects that she can distribute the Roadmap to the CHIPP Board in mid-July.

- SPS Annual Meeting, 15-17 June, Lausanne

MP reports that the event becomes more and more interesting every year. The idea of mixing themes in parallel sessions was a real success. There was a large domination by LHC related subjects, but this did not lead to 'monoculture'. He notes that also the quality of the talks gets better from year to year (→ see [summary](#)).

KK reminds the EB that the repetition rate of a joint event with Austria is two years and that in 2012 the Swiss NCCR's will contribute substantially to the meeting (21/22 June 2012, ETHZ). He continues by mentioning that MP has been elected in the Vorstand as representative of nuclear, particle and astro-particle physics (2 years). The EB congratulates MP to his election.

16. Status of future meetings

- WS 2011:

- C-15 mid-term results, 28/29 July 2011, Zurich-Irchel

JPR informs that the programme has been finalized and will be distributed to all CHIPP Members

¹ See minutes of the CHIPP Board (http://www.chipp.ch/documents/minutes_Board_2010-01_final.pdf) and the summary contained therein under item 10 (http://www.chipp.ch/documents/SSTCanalysis_executive_summary_item10.pdf).

this week. It is also available on the CHIPP internet site. On behalf of U. Straumann he invites all EB members to attend the Workshop.

- Neutrino Physics, 9-11 December 2011
The location has been fixed now (Grindelwald, Hotels Kirchbühl and Gletschertal), the organisation is with LB and A. Ereditato.
- WS 2012:
 - Astroparticle Physics: In order to not have workshops too close together, the July date (foreseen initially) had been cancelled, and after a short exchange of views the organisers (MP, TN) agree to merge this workshop with the Neutrino Workshop (9-11 December 2011, Grindelwald).
→ LB: to inform AE

17. A.O.B.

- GRID: MP informs about recent events in the GRID matter: after the item had been discussed at the Round Table International, a meeting has taken place with SER and it seems highly likely that the international part for 2012 will be covered by SER. For the international activities 2013-2016, the SER seems willing to work to find a solution.
- Aspera: MP informs that Gerda has been approved in the 2nd call; the NFS will get in touch with LB. The 3rd call will deal with low energy detectors and photodetectors.
→ MP: to send the relevant information to LB.
- ApPEC: MP informs that the Swiss representative for the next period has to be decided; he suggests proposing M. Bourquin for re-election (1 year).
→ MP: to take the necessary steps.
- Roadmap Implementation Paper: KK distributes the first copies (applause). Printing will start on Monday (the print run will be 1000 copies, to be distributed to the secretariats of the CHIPP member institutions).

The Chair closes the meeting at 17.45h.

15 July 2011

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