

Minutes of the EB meeting 2012-01 on 12 January 2012

Time/place of the meeting: 12 January 2012, 10-12h, ETH Honggerberg, room HPK D 24.2

Present: Laura Baudis (LB), Gilberto Colangelo (GC), Klaus Kirch (KK), Olivier Schneider (OS), Jean-Pierre Ruder (JPR, Secretary).

Guests: Martin Pohl (MP) for item 6, Christoph Grab (ChG) for item 7

The Chair opens the meeting at 10.10h

1. Agenda

The agenda is approved.

2. Apologies

None.

A. Administrative items

3. Minutes of the last meeting (2011-09)

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

4. List of Action Items

KK will discuss bilaterally with MP regarding items to be transferred to him. Most of the open points will be dealt with today in the EB or in the Board.

→ KK: to discuss the items to be transferred bilaterally with MP

5. Next EB meeting

2012-02: 10 February 2012, Berne, 13.45h

The meeting is confirmed; GC reminds the EB that he will not be able to attend.

B. Items for discussion

6. NCCR proposal: Status report and goals for the Board

MP briefly presents the status of the NCCR proposal: the draft is almost complete with the main missing element being the names of referees. MP continues by reminding the EB that the proposal will be ranked by the referees based on its scientific content. This evaluation is to be followed by an assessment of the SNF Board, which will take into account also other considerations (like political etc.).

Answering a question from KK, MP sketches his intentions regarding the presentation in the Board, where he

will show a few slides and collect the last comments. After this, he suggests to put the proposal to a vote. In case there is a demand, he would also be willing to go around the table. He closes by saying that he will accept final input until Sunday evening. He plans to submit only CVs of the challenge leaders but agrees to KK's suggestion to collect all CVs of the project leaders to have them ready for a quick submission if needed.

7. EGI-InSpire International Effort: Special fee charged by SwiNG to the Swiss experimental HEP groups in LHC

ChG explains the background: SwiNG represents CH in the EU Grid Initiative; at national level Switch is the leading institution in relation to EGI and has provided this service for free up to now. Starting in 2012, the Switch operations work (basically 1 FTE) has to be paid. The costs associated with this work amount to 108 k, because 1/3 of the FTE's salary is funded through EU. The fee is fully justified and it's suggested to distribute the 2012 payment between ATLAS, CMS, and LHCb at 40:40:20. This cost sharing has been proposed by SwiNG, where every university is represented. From 2013 onwards, SwiNG is trying to receive funding from SER. As an alternative, this service fee could also be integrated in the FORCE Computing request.

On a question from OS, ChG confirms that the border line between national and international activities is not crystal clear, but that the European infrastructure (international) is run and operated nationally. He is willing to discuss with Switch the possibility of postponing the bill (suggestion by KK). After a short exchange of views, OS concludes that it boils down to the question that CHIPP has to decide how much money it wants to spend for computing.

KK concludes that he considers this to be a temporary problem in 2012 (where the money has to be found individually) and that from 2013 onwards either SER or FORCE will provide the required funds. The matter will be reported to the Board.

→ KK, ChG: to report the matter to the Board.

8. Board Meeting: Briefing and Update

KK stresses that all the items up to (and including) item 7 (budget) have to be dealt with today. The main issues are the NCCR discussion (up to 2h of discussion if necessary), the composition of the European Strategy Working Group, and the budget plus possibly the calculation of the membership fee as suggested by the Albert Einstein Centre. JPR mentions a request from US to include a representative from flavour physics in the WG. The EB agrees and after a short exchange of views OS agrees to serve. The proposal to the Board is amended.

C. Items for information

9. EB meetings 2012: June meeting

KK suggests holding the EB in the morning of 13 June, where a Board meeting is scheduled in the afternoon. The EB is set at 09.45h and will be held at University of Berne.

→ JPR: to contact GC for two meeting rooms (AM: EB; PM: Board).

10. CHIPP Activities 2012: Status report, update and further input

The item is not tackled, because it is also on the Board agenda.

11. Status of future meetings

- CHIPP PhD Winter School Engelberg (22-27 Jan 2012)

KK has contacted V. Chiochia and reports that everything is on track with 27 registered participants.

- WS 2011:

- Zurich Phenomenology Workshop, 9-12 Jan

LB has attended parts of the WS and found it very interesting. She highlighted the many people that have attended and a nice introduction given by J. Ellis (CERN).

- Neutrino Physics and Astroparticle Physics, 5/6 March, Lucerne or Ticino

LB informs that she has found little interest and support for such a WS and concludes that it will not take place. In addition, she wishes to be released from the responsibility for WS in astroparticle and neutrino physics.

→ KK: to inform the Board and seek someone else in contact with the relevant community.

- DarkAttack2012, 15-20 July

LB informs that the list of invited speakers has been established and that a website has been set up.

Overall progress seems to be nominal.

- Zuoz Summer School, 19-25 Aug

KK mentions that the programme is taking shape (responsible person: M. Spira).

- Detector R&D, fall

KK informs that at present M. Hildebrand is consulting people for possible dates end September/ beginning of October.

- Other meetings 2012:

- SPS Annual Meeting, 21/22 June, Zurich

KK informs that the meeting will take place at ETHZ Höggerberg.

- European Strategy Session, 10-12 Sept

KK confirms the recent decision of holding the meeting in Cracow (Poland).

- CHIPPP Plenary, 13/14 Sept

KK explains why the Plenary and the Board had to be split. The Board being held on 7 September at 14h at ETHZ (Zentrum), the EB will take place in the morning (11h).

12. Annual Report C15 2011:Status of data collection

For lack of time, the matter is postponed.

13. A.O.B.

- Themes of the Plenary: OS has had the impression that the last Plenary has covered a very broad (too broad?) panoply of topics and wonders if the meeting should not focus each year on one of the pillars. KK mentions the today's advantage of getting a broad overview of Swiss PP activities, but he could also see that each year two pillars are presented in more detail than the others. He confirms that the content and the Plenary will be discussed in the Executive Board, starting in February.

The Chair closes the meeting at 12.00h.

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