

## Minutes of the EB meeting 2012-04 on 20 April 2012

Time/place of the meeting: 20 April 2012, 16.15h-18.15h, Schweizerische Akademie der Naturwissenschaften SCNAT, Schwarztörstrasse 9, 3007 Bern

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

The Chair, busy in the parallel MAP meeting (see agenda item 14), asks JPR to lead the EB through sections A and C of the agenda, taking account of a briefing meeting between him and JPR.

JPR opens the meeting at 16.50h.

### 1. Agenda

The agenda is approved with noting the addition of a few items under AOB.

### 2. Apologies

KK apologizes to be held back in the parallel MAP meeting, possibly until 17.45h.  
LB had signalled her impossibility to attend; an EVO connection was not possible.

### A. Administrative items

#### 3. Minutes of the last meeting (2012-03)

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.

#### 5. Next EB meeting: 2012-05: 13 June 2012, Berne, 09.45h

The meeting – preceding the CHIPP Board meeting – is confirmed.

### B. Items for discussion

#### 6. NuPECC: CHIPP position on NuPECC's future

KK explains the reasons for this position paper: the SNF, who mandated B. Krusche with the task of Swiss NuPECC representative (Nuclear Physics European Coordination Committee), asked CHIPP to provide its position regarding the future of the Swiss representation and of NuPECC for the next meeting of the SNF's Research Committee. In the SNF's view, nuclear physics research 'is barely present anymore in Switzerland' and the SNF's membership in NuPECC will be discussed (also in the light of the foreseeable changes in the NuPECC's mother organisation, the European Science Foundation. KK has consulted with B. Krusche and a member of the NuPECC secretariat to draft the position paper.

After a short exchange of views, the EB agrees with the document (which also clearly counterbalances the

SNF's position regarding nuclear physics in Switzerland) and KK is mandated to transfer it to the SNF.  
→ KK: to forward the CHIPP position paper on NuPECC to the SNF.

### **7. Plenary 2012: Themes for talks and speakers**

KK briefly presents the revised version of the programme. The EB further discusses the search for speakers, the suggestions already forwarded, and possible merger of topics. In the end, the EB (1) agrees on the timing (starting and end times), (2) on the structure and time-slots for the different sessions, and (3) on the topics for the individual talks.

→ KK, OS, GC, LB: to identify individuals and contact them for getting their agreement to speak.

→ JPR: to publish the draft programme (without possible names) together with the advertisement for the Plenary.

→ JPR: to add a short report from NuPECC to the reporting session of day 2.

### **8. CRUS report on costly infrastructures**

Postponed; the draft report will be circulated in the coming weeks by mail.

→ KK: to ask MP for delivering the next version soon.

### **9. ATLAS pop-up book: joint action for subscription?**

KK explains that the Austrian Physical Society is publishing an ATLAS pop-up book (several pages of three-dimensional detector elements made from paper) aiming at better explaining particle physics to non specialists. The Austrians have asked whether CHIPP would be interested to join in for subscription. KK finds the book as such a good idea, but is of the opinion that CHIPP as association will not buy 100 copies (20 Euro subscription prize). However, he encourages the CHIPP Board Members to make use of this offer.

→ KK: to liaise with US regarding the answer to Austria.

→ KK: to inform the Board Members about the book.

→ KK: to have one copy ready for the June Board (for circulation and 'subscription').

## **C. Items for information**

### **10. European Strategy Paper: status report**

JPR (on behalf of KK) reports that the Swiss input paper is circulated at present among the Board Members, but that up to now not very many reactions have been sent back. KK will send a reminder to the Board, before returning to the WG. The goal is to have a smooth approval at the June Board.

→ KK: to send out a reminder for reactions and feed-back.

→ KK: to produce the next version together with the WG (by the end of May).

→ KK: to put the matter to the June CHIPP Board.

### **11. CERN scientific delegate: status report**

JPR (on behalf of Klaus) informs about the result of the call for nominations: three CHIPP Board Members have received an almost identical number of nominations (in alphabetical order: A. Ereditato, M. Pohl, O. Schneider). KK will ask the Board in June to approve the 'package' and forward the three names to the SER for decision. The EB agrees with this procedure.

### **12. CHIPP Prize 2012: timetable and status report**

GC informs that the advertisement has been sent out by JPR and that he plans to send out a message to the Board asking them to search actively for candidates. The deadline for submission of applications is 31 May; the Search Committee will work in June. With respect to the distribution of the advertisement, the EB discovers that the data base selection tools need some checking up (it looks as if the Board Members are excluded when selecting the category 'Plenary').

→ JPR: to check with the responsible person for the data base.

### **13. SCNAT budget process: possibilities for CHIPP**

JPR outlines briefly the budget process at the SCNAT. CHIPP as a member organisation is entitled to submit

requests to the SCNAT for financial support: however, the SCNAT will support only activities matching their detailed regulations. The deadline for submission for 2013 is end-August 2012. After a short exchange of views, the EB concurs with the idea of considering joint CHIPP activities like the PhD School, the PhD meeting, the CHIPP prize and possibly also the outreach/webpage. A first discussion of ideas will take place in the EB in June, the final exchange of views in July.

→ all EB Members: to develop good ideas and to circulate them in the EB.

#### **14. Short reports: SCNAT: MAP meeting (20.4.2012)**

KK reports from the meeting:

- The presentation on CHIPP met a very interested audience and triggered many questions;
- The MAP Chair (H.R. Ott) plans to celebrate the 100 years of Bohr's model of the atom. He will contact the SPS and CHIPP to see what could be done – possibly in the context of the SCNAT Annual Congress (in fall 2013).
- The MAP budget for 2013 will be at the same level as for 2012; the requests handed in will be discussed on 21 September.
- The SCNAT is setting up a new Web portal, which would allow hosting all the SCNAT member's websites under one roof. Alternatively, the member organisations could opt for having a topical website. SCNAT will be providing the technical service. KK suggests contacting HPW to discuss the options for adhering to this project (more visibility vs. CHIPP being put 'below' SCNAT).

→ KK: to contact HPB and discuss the options.

#### **15. Status of future meetings**

- WS 2012:
  - DarkAttack2012, 15-20 July: no news.
  - Zuoz Summer School, 19-25 Aug: proceeds fine.
- Other meetings 2012:
  - SPS Annual Meeting, 21/22 June, Zurich: progress as expected.
  - European Strategy Session, 10-12 Sept: KK will attend and expects that several CHIPP colleagues will do the same.
  - CHIPP Plenary, 13/14 Sept: the advertisement will be published next week with a deadline for inscriptions set on 12 June.
- Detector R&D: the initial planning of fall 2012 was too ambitious. At present, discussions are ongoing whether to hold it in fall 2013 in connection with the PSI low energy workshop, or in 2014 as a PhD school (possibly even with hands-on training). The EB is open to both suggestions, but would not like to substitute the PhD school with such a workshop.

#### **16. A.O.B.**

- PhD winter school: KK would like to understand how the responsibilities for these schools are assigned. JPR recalls that it was a straight forward process: people interested to do so have said so and the Board did agree to such proposal. However, the decision of the Board in January 2011 was not that crystal clear in this respect. GC mentions that he would prefer to have in a two year cycle only one PhD School and one Zuoz School. This view is shared by the EB and he will contact V. Chiochia (the organiser of the 2012 school) to learn about his intentions. Anyhow, the matter will have to be discussed and decided by the June Board.
  - GC: to contact V. Chiochia.
  - KK: to put the matter on the agenda of the June Board.
- SCNAT parrainage for Maturaarbeiten. KK mentions that SCNAT has launched a call for people interested in serving as god-fathers for Maturaarbeiten. AT present, G. Dissertori and U. Langenegger have had their names on that list; both gave a positive feedback, mentioned however that the task is time-consuming.
  - KK: to inform the CHIPP Board.
- Preparation of the June Board (re CHIPP tables): OS expects the compilation of the numbers to be a tedious task and suggests therefore to well prepare the discussion of these tables and numbers. A summary talk should be given, showing the overall picture when combining all the inputs. KK is ready to take over this task; JPR accepts to make the 'mechanical' compilation of the input numbers. The EB agrees that it will not be possible to draw final conclusion during the meeting. The information

gathered should – hopefully – trigger discussions between the individual projects and – possibly – lead to merges or reduced numbers.

→ JPR: to distribute to the EB the minutes of former Board meetings, where such discussions have taken place.

The Chair closes the meeting at 18.55h.

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