

Minutes of the EB meeting 2012-05 on 13 June 2012

Time/place of the meeting: 13 June 2012, 09.45-11.45h, Seminar room 116, Albert Einstein Centre for Fundamental Physics, Universität Bern, Sidlerstrasse 5, 3012 Bern.

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

Invited guest for items 7 and 11: M. Pohl

The Chair opens the meeting at 09.50h.

1. Agenda

The agenda is approved as is.

2. Apologies

None.

A. Administrative items

3. Minutes of the last meeting (2012-04)

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 discussed and updated, notably:

2008-10 – 12.1: OS reports about new RRB dates for October (29-31 October), which are incompatible with the present submission date for the M&O request to SNF.

→ JPR: to inform and check with the SNF.

2012-03 – 11: SwiNG bill: OS reports that the matter has been cleared for 2012 and that a decision re a possible SER funding for 2013 is expected this summer.

5. Next EB meeting

2012-06: 13 July 2012, Berne, 13.45h: The meeting is confirmed.

B. Items for discussion

6. CRUS report on costly infrastructures (→ slides)

MP presents the draft report to CRUS (background: under the new legislation regarding Swiss universities, CRUS will have to look after well coordinated efforts in fields considered as 'costly'. For testing the concept and the possible work-load, particle physics has been chosen [by CRUS] as 'guinea pig' in this respect. An analysis

report has to be submitted by CHIPP in summer 2012). The report explains the existing bottom-up cooperation and broad international collaboration and task- and resource-sharing in PP and within CHIPP and concludes, that PP is indeed a cost-intensive research field, however in the first place at the level of the research infrastructure (mostly at the charge of the Government) and less at the level of each individual university group participating. For this reason, the report concludes, an additional layer of coordination will not reduce spending in a considerable way. Two specific proposals are formulated where CRUS definitely could contribute to facilitating the work in PP:

- 1 To formalize the 'Round Table International' and the 'Lenkungsausschuss FLARE' in such a way that clear procedures for signing project MoUs would be established and that the recommendations of the LA FLARE would be taken into account systematically by the Forschungsrat of the SNF when deciding on funding for PP projects.
- 2 To contribute financially to the CHIPP administration as a sign of recognition of the self-coordinating work done by CHIPP (which would otherwise have to be done by CRUS under the new legislation).

Among other things, the report will contain a survey regarding smaller infrastructures at institute or university level (like workshops, irradiation facilities, clean rooms etc.) which are put at the disposal of other disciplines within the same university or of other universities. KK would like to know, how wide such a survey should be done, and expresses his willingness to deliver input from PSI. He is convinced that this report and specifically such a survey would show in a transparent way what PP has at its disposal and what it is already sharing with others. He contests that PP at group level is not cost-intensive and suggest appropriate wording ('...not necessary at group level...'). MP reminds the EB that the operations cost limits (0.5 MCHF/year) regards exclusively costs associated with infrastructure maintenance and operations, and not e.g. data analysis of the detector data.

The EB agrees that the document will have to be endorsed by the Board (in September), but that the final draft should be circulated to the Board before the summer break. MP would be pleased to receive specific comments to the text by the end of next week.

7. Plenary 2012: Programme

GC informs that he has not found a speaker available for the astroparticle theory talk, whereas LB reports about a certain degree of discontentment in the ApP and neutrino community about the few slots in the programme. Combining the two facts, the EB decides to skip the theory talk and to make this slot available to the neutrino community. Specifically: T2K gets an additional slot in day 2.

- JPR: to revise the programme and load it up on the internet.
- OS: to check with Rattazzi regarding his talk.
- LB: to confirm speakers for OPERA and T2K.

8. CHIPP Plenary 2013: Ascona?

KK suggests holding the next Plenary (2013) in Ascona (Monte Verità), but would like to hear the EB's opinion on this point. The main advantage is the bargain price, however at the cost of a longer trip. The EB agrees to explore the availability of the Monte Verità in September 2013 but stresses the fact that the meeting should then last for three days.

- JPR: to contact the Monte Verità and explore the possibilities.

9. ApPEC and APIF: Result of the Survey in Switzerland

LB reports that her contacting the ApP community on the question of a potential membership in ApPEC and regarding a global roadmap has not yet resulted in any response. KK will bring the matter to the attention of the Board.

- KK: to bring the matter up in the Board.

10. SCNAT budget process: ideas for CHIPP projects

Taking up a point from the list of action items, KK addresses the possible content of the funding request to SCNAT. As no additional suggestions (have) come up, the Chair is asked to stick to support for the PhD School and possibly to the ApPEC membership fee.

C. Items for information

11. CHIPP Prize 2012: status report

GC reports that Selection Committee has received eight applications for the prize. The evaluation is ongoing, but due to the approaching holiday period, the information to the EB regarding the ranking of the candidates will most probably be delayed by one week. The EB is pleased with the success and takes note of the delay.

12. ECFA Delegates: vacancies

KK informs that X. Wu's P-ECFA mandate comes to the end at the end of this year and that Th. Gehrman does not wish to be re-appointed for a second period. Therefore, KK will launch a call for nominations among the Board Members. The Board in September will formulate a recommendation to the Plenary for the election of the two successors.

→ KK: to launch a call for nominations regarding the replacement of two ECFA delegates.

13. Composition of the EB: New Member sought for 2013

KK informs that for reasons of extensive work-load LB has expressed her desire to step down as a CHIPP Vice Chair at end of this year. He will launch a call for nominations among the Board members; election will take place in the September Board.

→ KK: to launch a call for nominations regarding the replacement of one EB member.

14. Short reports: Report from the Delegiertenversammlung (DV) SCNAT (→ slides)

MP has attended the DV of the SCNAT, stepping in for KK who had another commitment abroad. MP focuses on the most important element of the DV, the explanations given regarding the 200 year celebration in 2015. The SCNAT plans important events all over the year and he strongly recommends that CHIPP be part of this endeavour. The project contains three elements:

- 1 Travelling exhibition (rather to regional sub-centres than to the big cities) linked with local activities and allowing a dialogue, using attractive platforms like e.g. a circus.
- 2 Swiss Scientific Forum (in analogy to the World Economic Forum) placing the focus on networking and on young academics, with invited top class key note speakers
- 3 The celebration with 1000 guests at a location still to be determined.

The project starts in 2012 with fundraising, detailed planning and establishing the contact to the universities and the member associations. In 2013, proposals will be sought from the universities regarding contribution to the travelling exhibition and the local links. A so-called 'Service Centre' set up by SCNAT will provide administrative and professional support to the participating universities and member associations. A contact person will have to be nominated. KK informs the EB, that H.-P. Beck and K. Kirch have attended a SCNAT information meeting and are listed as contacts.

→ KK to inform the Board in September.

15. Status of future meetings

- WS 2012:
 - DarkAttack2012, 15-20 July: Preparations are progressing well; the programme is online with a nice mixture of talks.
 - Zuoz Summer School, 19-25 Aug: The organisation is going well and a reminder has been sent out. At present, the Swiss participation is relatively low.
- Other meetings 2012:
 - SPS Annual Meeting, 21/22 June, Zurich: Will take place next week in Zurich; an open event is organised around a talk with Sam Ting.
 - European Strategy Session, 10-12 Sept: The Strategy Group meets next week in Geneva, where the Krakow programme will be discussed.
 - CHIPP Plenary, 13/14 Sept: The number of registrations has already reached 50!
- Plans for 2013:
 - WS on low energy precision physics, 9-12 Sept, PSI
 - Detector R&D, 12/13 Sept, PSI

16. A.O.B.

None.

The Chair closes the meeting at 11.40h.

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