

Minutes of the EB meeting 2012-07 on 7 September 2012

Time/place of the meeting: 7 September 2012, 11.00h-13.00h, ETHZ-Zentrum, meeting room HG F50.3

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

The Chair opens the meeting at 11.10h.

1. Agenda

The agenda is approved as is; OS announces two AOB items.

2. Apologies

None.

A. Administrative items

3. Minutes of the last meeting (2012-06)

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.

2012-03 – 11: OS reports about positive situation regarding the SwiNG bill in 2012, and good prospects for 2013. En passant, he mentions that the MoU with the CSCS will have to be renewed still this year.

5. Next EB meeting

2012-08: 23 October 2012, Bern, 09.45h: The meeting is confirmed.

B. Items for discussion

6. Board meeting: decision items

KK introduces the 'discussion items' of the Board and invites the EB for an exchange of views. This opportunity is used for:

- ApPEC Membership: LB reports about a good feedback from the ApP community supporting the membership. Some members worried to not divide ApP from PP. KK concludes that in this case the Resolution shall be signed by the ApP Board members during the Board meeting and shall then serve as basis for the corresponding decision of the Board.
- Long-Term Financial Tables: the EB embarks on an exchange of views regarding the financial possibilities of the two funds (FORCE, FOLIS) and about the relation between funding needs and manpower needs. Replying to a question from OS, KK mentions that the new SNF rules for FLARE will be presented in the Board, but he highlighted that one request per experiment is allowed, that the

long-term planning of SNF is supported by the submission of a 'Letter of Intent' 12 months before a request can be placed, and that M&O and GRID computing remain two separate individual requests.

- Next meetings: Board – 31 January 2013 (Berne); Plenary 2013: 1st week September.
Regarding the latter, JPR informs that the Monte Verità is not available for this period, but could be considered for the 2014 Plenary. The 2013 Plenary shall take place in the Mittelland region.
→ JPR: to check with SNF regarding a meeting room for the Board.
→ JPR: to identify possible locations and issue a call for offers for the 2013 Plenary.
→ JPR: to contact Ascona for the 2014 Plenary.

7. CHIPP Plenary: Programme: last changes

KK informs that the programme is stable and that a speaker for T2K has finally been identified. He mentions that the speakers for Opera and T2K are consulting with each other to see how the Laguna-LBNO experiments could also be included in the talks without altering the time-slots attributed.

C. Items for information

8. SCNAT: funding request

KK informs that the request has been submitted in time for a total amount of 31 kCHF. It covers the CHIPP PhD School 2013, the Outreach project 'Dialogue' as a continuation of 'Verflixtes Higgs', and the ApPEC membership fee. He expects to know more about the chances of success after the preliminary decision to be taken by the MAP platform in October.

9. CHIPP Prize 2012: status report

GC informs that the Committee has received eight applications, which had been discussed in July. Early September an interview session had been held with the three short-listed candidates. GC mentions that the Selection Committee would come up with proposals to adapt the system of attributing the points (diploma thesis, averaging).

→ GC: to submit to the EB a proposal for improving the point-based system.

10. Short reports

- DarkAttack2012, 15-20 July: postponed to the next EB meeting.
- Zuoz Summer School, 19-25 Aug: KK mentions the good lectures and considers it as having been a good meeting, although fewer people attended than last year. Since the fluctuation is within the usual bandwidth and no negative trend can be detected, he is not worried.

11. Status of future meetings

- Other meetings 2012: - European Strategy Session, 10-12 Sept: KK will report at Plenary
- CHIPP Plenary, 13/14 Sept: things are ready
- Plans for 2013: - WS on low energy precision physics, 9-12 Sept, PSI
- Detector R&D, 12/13 Sept, PSI

12. A.O.B.

- FLARE funding rules: have been dealt with under item 6.
- LHCb MoU: OS informs that an addendum for the upgrade has been drafted, which lists in its annex CHIPP as funding agency! He gets the agreement of the EB to substitute CHIPP by SNF and SER.

The Chair closes the meeting at 12.45h.