

## Minutes of the EB meeting 2013-02 on 22 February 2013

Time/place of the meeting: 22 February 2013, 15.15-17h, Schweizerische Akademie der Naturwissenschaften SCNAT, Schwarztörstrasse 9, 3007 Bern

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

The Chair opens the meeting at 15.30h (due to late arrival of one member [train problems])

### 1. Agenda

OS would like to have an AOB point re the Round Table. KK adds an information re the Fribourg Members.

### 2. Apologies

The EB notes the absence of TM (maternity leave).

## A. Administrative items

### 3. Minutes of the last meeting (2013-01)

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.

2012-09 – 10.7: OS has contacted the SNSF re the future composition of the Swiss RRB members and has offered his help. The SNSF plans to introduce the following mechanism: for each of the four RRBs, one person from SNSF is accompanied by the PI of the corresponding FLARE request (i.e. OS [LHCb], Iacobucci [ATLAS], Wallny [CMS], Grab [GRID]). OS wonders why the M&O is not part of the 'game'.

The EB is of the opinion to leave the situation as is. OS will follow-up the matter re the signing of the MoUs at a later stage.

2012-09 – 10.8: OS has not yet informed the CERN D/Sci, but will do that soon.

Board 2013-01 – 7.1/7.1: JPR will check with Straumann whether the item can be closed.

→ JPR: to check with Straumann whether the item can be closed

Board 2013-01 – 12: KK has been informed by Meylan that the suggested mutual observership will be discussed on 4 March in a CHAPs meeting.

Board 2013-01 – 13: KK informs that the NNCR brochure is in print.

Board 2013-01 – 15.1: KK will organise soon the vote regarding the two members of the Control Organ.

→ KK: to organise the vote re the Control organ.

### 5. Next EB meetings

- 2013-03: 9 April 2013, Berne, 13.45h

The meeting is confirmed. TM will again connect via Skype (with OS) [or alternatively via phone].

## **B. Items for discussion**

### **6. Definition of Manpower for CHIPP LT tables**

KK briefly presents the Chair's proposal regarding the counting of the manpower in the Swiss research groups working on the projects listed in the Long-Term Financial Table: Lectures, teaching and managerial duties not connected directly to a project are not taken into account. For each person, the employment rate is normalized to the FTE-part for this person (100% = 1 FTE; 80% = 0.8 FTE, etc.).

The EB concurs with this definition as a convention (GC), leading to a viable solution (OS).

→ JPR, TM: to contact the group leaders with this definition when asking for the manpower data.

### **7. LHC Computing: funding for 2014ff**

KK sketches the background of the situation: In 2007, CHIPP and the ETH, represented by CSCS, concluded an agreement regarding the Tier2 work, in which ETHZ pays the electricity bill and one FTE. The contract ended end-2012, and has been extended until end-2013, with the proviso that CHIPP finds the necessary funding for taking over the salary payment from 2014 onwards.

In the ensuing discussion, GC would like to know who are the users (Answer: ATLAS, CMS, LHCb), and OS reports about a rather lukewarm reaction of the SERI (Moor, Steinacher). He continues by informing that Grab is discussing at present possibility of moving Tier2 to Berne, and will talk also to Geneva and Zurich. In addition, the co-applicants of the joint GRID request are also in the loop. Grab aims at submitting a proposal to the CHIPP Board in June for approval. The following fallback solutions are also investigated:

- 1 the costs of the FTE is shared between the institutes concerned; ; this solution would be the easiest one for Grab, but most probably the most difficult one for the institutes concerned, because the funds would have to be taken from the operating budget of each institute.
- 2 the FTE is included in the joint GRID request to SNSF; this solution would probably lead to a reduction of the hardware to be included in the GRID request.

→ JPR: to add the matter on the Board agenda in June.

### **8. CHIPP Plenary: Programme**

KK explains that the programme of the Plenary will have to be drafted over the next two months. He presents his idea of focussing the talks and discussions on the future of Swiss particle physics, i.e. to highlight and discuss the concrete intentions of Swiss research groups for the implementation of the different chapters of the European Strategy in Particle Physics (to be approved on 21 June by the CERN Council). Time will also have to be reserved for the committee reports.

OS finds this a very good idea and is of the opinion that such a future oriented discussion had been lacking in 2012. GC is supportive, seeing a short talk re results and longer talks / discussions about the vision, where he would like to have theorist as well as experimentalist. KK underlines that the status reports/results will have to be rather compressed and that not more than one talk per experiment will be possible. OS finds this new formula very interesting but also rather ambitious (specifically time-wise).

→ KK: to summarize the idea, sketch a draft paper, and distribute tasks to OS and GC.

### **9. ESFRI Working Groups: call for experts**

KK briefly informs that he has been contacted by SCNAT for nominating experts for the update process of the ESFRI<sup>1</sup> Roadmap after 2015 until 24 February. In view of the deadline being on the day of this EB meeting, he suggests to nominate persons who had been proposed as experts for the FLARE panel<sup>2</sup>. He has been told that PSI had already nominated one expert for photon science (Abela) and one for neutrons (Clausen).

→ KK: to propose Dissertori as expert for the ESFRI Roadmap update process to the SCNAT.

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<sup>1</sup> ESFRI: European Strategy Forum for Research Infrastructure;  
actual ESFRI Roadmap see [http://ec.europa.eu/research/infrastructures/pdf/esfri\\_brochure\\_0113.pdf#view=fit&pagemode=none](http://ec.europa.eu/research/infrastructures/pdf/esfri_brochure_0113.pdf#view=fit&pagemode=none)

<sup>2</sup> a preliminary consultation showed that Straumann is not available, whereas Dissertori is.

## **C. Items for information**

### **10. Composition of the EB: historical compilation**

KK explains that he has asked for this compilation in order to have an overview of the past situation. In view of the necessity to elect a new member for the period 2014/2015, he would like to continue the discussion at the next meeting.

### **11. Short report(s)**

There was none.

### **12. Status of future meetings**

- 2013 (decided)
  - Plenary 2013, 24-26 June, Campus Sursee  
The meeting place is reserved, the discussion for the programme has started, and the advertisement will be published beginning of March (deadline for registration: end-April).
  - WS on low energy precision physics, 9-12 Sept, PSI  
The advertisement has started and the talks are being discussed.
  - Detector R&D, 12/13 Sept, PSI  
Hildebrandt and Straumann are discussing the organization.
- 2013 (new)  
No new meetings are known.

### **13. Annual Report C15 2012**

JPR introduces the Final Report 2008-2012 for the C15 project and clarifies the fact that 12 reports have to be submitted to SERI, SUK and ETH-Rat (a thematic and a financial report from each of the five participating institutes, which serve as inputs to the final thematic and the final financial report of the overall project). As in the past, the EB is invited to take note of the thematic overall report, thus giving it more weight and a more official character. Comments and remarks concerning the report will be accepted until 25 February 2013, 10 h.  
→ EB members: to provide comments and corrections until 25 February (10 a.m.).

### **14. A.O.B.**

- CHIPP Membership of Fribourg: KK has been informed officially that the two Members from Fribourg will fulfil their duty as CHIPP Members and pay the membership fee for 2013, but withdraw from the association as of 1 January 2014. In line with Art. 6, the EB has to be informed about withdrawals, and will have to take note.
- RT International – search for a new date: OS brings up this item with his underlying question, whether or not he is a member of this committee. The EB is of the opinion that the SNSF has based itself on a rationale when addressing a certain number of people and that therefore he should consider himself as being a member and attend.  
→ KK: to check with Bourquin, if he has informed the SNSF about him being replaced in the Round Table by TM.

The Chair closes the meeting at 17.30h

3 March 2013

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