

## Minutes of the EB meeting 2013-03 on 9 April 2013

Time/place of the meeting: 9 April 2013, 13.45-15.30h, Schweizerische Akademie der Naturwissenschaften SCNAT, Schwarztorstrasse 9, 3007 Bern

Present: Klaus Kirch (KK, Chair), Gilberto Colangelo (GC), Teresa Montaruli (TM [via Skype]), Olivier Schneider (OS), Jean-Pierre Ruder (JPR, Secretary).

The Chair opens the meeting at 13.50h.

### 1. Agenda

The agenda is approved as is.

### 2. Apologies

None.

## A. Administrative items

### 3. Minutes of the last meeting (2013-02)

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 RRB-SNF: OS informs that the task is shared between P. Burkhard and P. Fischer from SNF, who declared being happy if accompanied by one CHIPP Member in each of the RRB committees. From now on, the Swiss participants in the meetings will be identified as 'SNF'; this is in agreement with CERN. OS reports about good contacts with SNF; preparatory meetings are envisaged.

→ OS: to ensure a regular contact with CMS and ATLAS.

2012-09 – 10.8 RRB-PSI: OS has informed CERN about the continued presence of a PSI representative in the CMS RRB. CERN accepts this as long as no remarks are made by other participants.

OS confirms that he will continue to inquire with SNF about a possible signing of the M&O MoU by SNF.

→ OS: to continue exploring the possible signing of the M&O MoUs by SNF.

### 5. Next EB meetings

- 2013-04: the meeting initially planned for 27 May 2013 is advanced to 21 May 2013, 13:15h, Berne. GC will not be able to attend.  
→ JPR: to change reservation of meeting room.

## B. Items for discussion

### 6. LHC GRID Computing: status re funding for 2014ff

OS reports about positive evolution of the matter: The ETHZ has confirmed not only to pay the electricity and the FTE bill, but is also reconsidering the matter for 2014ff thanks to a successful effort by ETH-IPP to reopen

the discussion with the Schulleitung. The final result is expected in a couple of weeks.

In addition, OS reminds the EB that Berne has offered to possibly take over the Tier2, but the situation is not yet totally clear. Aiming at submitting a proposal to the June Board, OS will keep close contacts with Ch. Grab.  
→ OS: to contact Ch. Grab in 2 weeks time re progress.

## **7. CHIPP Plenary: Programme and Speakers: review and identification**

KK recalls that the general schedule of his proposal implements the EB's decision of February and follows the topics according to the Update of the European Strategy in Particle Physics (which has been discussed in CERN Council on 21/22 March). He invites the EB Members to discuss the schedule and time distribution as a whole and to start identifying speakers.

TM considers the time slot for astroparticle and neutrino physics as too short and suggests having one session for each topic as in the past. KK underlines that fact that in past years the sessions had been structured along the CHIPP Roadmap pillars, whereas the EB had decided in February to follow the structure of the Strategy paper. TM agrees, but asks for the possibility of reviewing the timing for this session.

OS agrees that the schedule asks for focussing of the topics to be presented, which will not always be an easy thing to achieve. GC agrees with the proposed structure and is fine with the schedule, even if he also understands the desire of each CHIPP community to get a larger time slot.

The EB then discusses the topics of the individual talks expected within each session. Re the speakers, the status/overview talks would be held best by PostDocs, whereas the plans for future activities and participations should rather be presented by the PIs. Non-CHIPP speakers can be considered. In its discussion, the EB takes up some suggestions made by colleagues who have been contacted by some EB Members.

GC inquires about the 'Wrap-up session' at the end of the Plenary; KK replies that he would like to have a sort of summary of the different sessions, highlighting the next steps and plans in each of the strategy sections. The EB agrees with this philosophy, but would like to limit the time for this final event to 30 min. KK suggests to make the time thus 'saved' available to the astroparticle and neutrino physics session; TM agrees.

The EB identifies the candidates for Chairs of the sessions and the speakers for all talks and distributes the tasks of contacting them among the EB Members. For session 1, KK will make a call for 'provocative statements' or 'appetizers' in order to incite a good discussion.

→ all EB Members: to contact the possible speakers and Session Chairs as assigned in the meeting.

→ KK: to make a call for 'provocative statements'/'appetizers'.

## **8. CHIPP Prize: candidates**

GC informs that he has received only two applications. He is disappointed about this small number, but favours the prize award as planned. He suggests the Board to discuss the reasons for the little interest and to exchange ideas about how to increase competition (like giving the prize only every second year).

KK and OS underline that it was the duty of each Board Member to encourage his/her students to apply. After the last year's success, this task has probably been neglected. In a rough estimate, KK shows that CHIPP could expect some 10 applications per year (200 PhD students in CHIPP, ¼ being in their last year, ¼ of those having the requested excellence). The EB agrees to bring the matter up in the Board meeting.

→ JPR: to put the matter on the Board agenda.

## **9. Honorary Members: call for applications 2013**

KK reminds the EB that the admission of new Honorary Members is decided – on recommendation by the Board – by the Plenary. In order to bring the admission of the 2013 retirees to the Plenary in June, a 'call for application' has to be addressed to the Board Members soon.

→ JPR to send out a call for applications to newly retired Professors.

## **C. Items for information**

### **10. Call for nominations (due on 16 April)**

- ECFA: KK informs that M. Weber's term as P-ECFA member comes to an end; he will send out a call for nominations in the coming days.  
→ KK: to send out a call for nomination for a P-ECFA representative.

- CHIPP EB: KK explains that he plans to send out also a call for nominations for his own succession as EB Member, his mandate coming to an end on 31 December.  
→ KK: to send out a call for nomination for a new CHIPP EB Member.

## 11. CHIPP Membership

- Changes at EPFL and ETHZ: KK informs about a message from G. Meylan and his astrophysics colleagues at EPFL, who would like to withdraw from CHIPP and concentrate their activities in CHAPS (College of the Helvetic Astronomy Professors). He continues with a message from the ETHZ Theory who are reviewing the membership list in detail. JPR mentions in this context that such withdrawals during the year do not affect the payment of the membership fee (Art. 6.1 of the CHIPP Statutes).
- Status re payment of Membership fee: All institutes but one have paid (plus the partial non-payment of the ETHZ [see above]).

## 12. Short report(s)

OS mentions the recent CERN Council meeting and informs that he will distribute his Council report soon.

## 13. Status of future meetings

- 2013 (decided)
  - Plenary 2013, 24-26 June, Campus Sursee: KK invites all EB Members to encourage their colleagues and students to register.  
→ all EB Members: to encourage colleagues and students to register.
  - WS on low energy precision physics, 9-12 Sept, PSI: KK mentions that the second circular will be sent out in the coming days.
  - Detector R&D, 12/13 Sept, PSI: KK states that he counts on progress in the coming weeks.
- 2013 (new)  
GC mentions two additional workshops in Berne:
  - Workshop on QCD under extreme conditions XQCD13, Bern, 5-7 August
  - 2nd International Workshop on Antimatter and Gravity WAG 2013, Berne, 13-15 November  
KK reminds the EB that CHIPP can offer support to workshops.  
→ GC: to inquire about possible needs.

## 14. Annual Report 2012 for SCNAT

JPR informs that the CHIPP Annual Report 2012 has been submitted to SCNAT<sup>1</sup> and thanks all those who have contributed to its writing. The report will be used also as Annual Report to the CHIPP Board (as per Art. 27 litt. u. of the CHIPP Statutes).

## 15. A.O.B.

- TM brings up the questions related with ERIC (European Research Infrastructure Consortium) that has been at the ApPEC agenda. KK suggests dealing with this matter in May.  
→ JPR: to put the matter on the agenda of the May EB.
- TM asks whether or not KK would like to be included in her dealings with the SNF concerning ApPEC. KK does not consider this appropriate and suggests the setting-up of a procedure similar to the one used with the SERI for the CERN Council.
- CHIPP EB Membership and Chair: The EB exchanges some information about the composition of the EB and the term of the Administrator.

The Chair apologises for the longer than usual meeting but is pleased with the constructive discussion regarding the CHIPP Plenary and the progress made. He closes the meeting at 17.30h.

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<sup>1</sup> available at <http://www.scnat.ch/d/netzwerk/Jahresberichte/index.php?id=1519>