

Minutes EB meeting 2013-07 on 25 October 2013

Time/place of the meeting: 25 October 2013, 10.45-13.00h, Schweizerischer Nationalfonds SNF, meeting room 67, Wildhainweg 21B, 3000 Bern

Present: Gilberto Colangelo (GC), Klaus Kirch (KK, Chair), Teresa Montaruli (TM), Olivier Schneider (OS), Lenny Rivkin (LR [guest for item 7]), Jean-Pierre Ruder (JPR, Secretary), Olaf Steinkamp (OSt [guest for item 7]), Uli Straumann (US [guest for item 6]), Marc Tuerler (MT [guest]).

The Chair opens the meeting at 10.50h.

1. Agenda

The agenda is approved as is.

2. Apologies

None.

A. Administrative items

3. Minutes of the last meeting (2013-06)

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 not discussed, as all open actions are on the agenda.

5. Next EB meetings: 2013-08: 2 December 2013, 09.45h, Berne

The meeting is confirmed; as it is tradition for the last meeting of the year, a joint lunch will follow.

→ JPR: to invite Rainer to the meeting and lunch

→ JPR: to seek a restaurant

B. Items for discussion

6. CTA: status and forthcoming meetings

KK welcomes US, who gives a status report about the situation around CTA in Switzerland (→ [slides](#)): showing the science, the present organisation and its planned evolution, the Swiss contributions, and the Letter of Intent to FLARE. He has the latest information, that the University of Zurich will be part of the interim legal entity. US is pleased with the analysis of CTA by the state Secretariat SERI, where contacts develop well.

In the ensuing discussion, TM would like to understand the legal implications for an institute when joining, which goes beyond the usual MoU for any project collaboration. US confirms that the future evolution is not clear, but that today the Resource Board (where US officially represents Switzerland) acts as 'Council', where the funding agencies collaborating in the Letter of Intent are around the table. Finally, he reports that a Swiss

Steering Committee will be formed soon, bringing together the group leaders, the SERI and the SNSF. On a related topic US mentions that he has learned by accident that Swiss representatives are members of an ESFRI committee discussing large research infrastructures (K. Clausen, R. Abela). KK recalls that CHIPP (and others) had been invited to suggest candidates.
→ KK: to contact Clausen and Abela asking for regular information to CHIPP.

7. ECFA mid-term report

KK welcomes LR and OSt; OSt presents the draft report, which must be presented in 20 minutes to ECFA on 22 November.

After the presentation, KK underlines that he is impressed by the quality, and that he will provide the missing input from PSI. On a question by TM, a short discussion takes place regarding the head-count, and in the end the numbers for the accelerator part are brought in line. Other topics triggering remarks from the EB are the scientific fields on ApP, the way the CERN contribution from SERI is presented, the attribution of the EB members (scientific fields or institutes), a statement about the little ApP funding within FLARE.

KK asks the EB members to give their feedback to OSt before Monday.

→ EB Members: to provide feed-back by Monday

→ OSt: to prepare a revised/updated version to be distributed as soon as possible.

→ JPR: to make the revised draft report available to the Board Members

8. Activities 2014, sketch budget & contributions

KK briefly introduces the item, mentioning that the discussion in the EB had already taken place early September. The present version, being the result of that discussion, will be distributed to the Board for the meeting. The EB has no further comments.

→ JPR: to distribute the documents to the Board.

9. Agenda of the Board (4 November)

The EB briefly goes through the draft Agenda of the Board. An exchange of views takes place on two elements:

- How deeply should the Board be involved in the ECFA mid-term report, and
- How best to bring to the attention of the Board the 'Call for research infrastructures', which has been published a few days ago by SNSF and SERI

For both topics, the EB concludes that they should be placed as 'information items', both accompanied by a presentation, and introduction respectively, and allowing for a discussion if needed.

→ JPR: to revise / amend the agenda and distribute it to the Board members.

10. CHIPP Observer to CHAPS (Astronomy)

KK recalls the CHIPP's intention to exchange observers with the colleagues from Astronomy (CHAPS).

Reacting to a recent letter from the CHAPS Chair (G. Meylan) that A. Refregier (ETHZ) has been appointed CHAPS observer to CHIPP, he suggests that TM serves as CHIPP observer in CHAPS; keeping this responsibility within the EB will facilitate reporting. The EB concurs with this view and TM is ready to serve.

→ KK: to inform CHAPS

11. Round Table International Infrastructures: input from EB

(themes: update CTA, GRID Computing, update FLARE, Swiss Roadmap for Research Infrastructures)

There is no additional input from the EB members for the next meeting of the Round Table (11 November) related to CTA, GRID and FLARE. The EB briefly discusses the 'Call for research infrastructures' from the SERI and SNSF, where number of questions arise: do projects which are in the present National Roadmap need to reapply? Does CHIPP should submit all projects on the LA FLARE list or those receiving (or planning to apply for) FLARE funds? How is it possible that the SNSF can 'decide' on its own about the inclusion or rejection of a project in the Roadmap? OS suggests to bring the matter up in the meeting of LA FLARE, which takes place in the afternoon. The EB agrees; the discussion in the Board (see agenda item 9) will hopefully clarify the situation.

→ KK: to bring the 'Call for Research Infrastructures' up in the LA FLARE meeting.

12. EB dates 2014: confirm results from doodle survey

OS confirms the planned meeting dates for 2014, and in the meeting, the dates for February (12) and July (3) are set. The decision about AM or PM will be taken in early 2014 (together with R. Wallny).

C. Items for information

13. Data storage at Swiss Tier2 LHC GRID: status

OS informs the EB that at present constructive discussion are ongoing, but that it is too early to report about the details. An information item is still planned for the Board.

→ OS: to contact Ch. Grab and to organise the interventions

14. LT Financial Tables: status

KK explains that the CHIPP Long-Term Financial Table (LTFT) and a provisional LA FLARE table had been provided to the EB members. The LTFT will also be distributed to the group leaders, who have provided input, for feed-back and update. The LA FLARE table will only be distributed to the Board members after the deadline for submitting FLARE requests (15 November) and once it has been updated with the help of the 'FLARE financial overviews' of each request.

→ JPR: to distribute the LTFT to the group leaders

→ JPR: to update the LA FLARE table with the help of the 'FLARE financial overviews'.

15. CHIPP Administrator: status

KK is pleased to inform the EB that MT has signed the contract, and that he will take over the job of CHIPP Administrator on 1 January 2014. The hand-over from JPR has already started.

16. Short report(s)

- MAP meeting: KK informs that the two CHIPP requests (2x10k) were left unchanged and forwarded to the SCNAT directorate for decision.
- Letter from CRUS: KK informs that CRUS has replied with a negative answer regarding the request for reimbursing CHIPP for its coordination work in PP and ApP ("CRUS has no budget").
- Annual Meeting of the SPS, 3-6 Sept, Linz: KK informs that the meeting has been a good success with many Swiss participants.
- WS on low energy precision physics, 9-12 Sept, PSI: KK informs that the WS had been a great success, with some 180 people participating. He deplores the fact that not many professors from other Swiss universities have attended.
- Detector R&D, 12/13 Sept, PSI: KK informs that also this WS has been very successful, even if it had started with a (not intended) political session dealing with the upgrade and R&D plans of the three LHC detectors with Swiss participation.

17. Status of future meetings

- 2013
 - 2nd International Workshop on Antimatter and Gravity WAG 2013, 13-15 Nov, Berne
- 2014
 - Strategy Workshop on AstroParticles in Switzerland SWAPS2014, 11-13 June, Geneva
 - Annual Meeting of the SPS, 30 June – 2 July, Fribourg
 - CHIPP Plenary, 30 June (during SPS), Fribourg

18. A.O.B.

There was none.

The Chair closes the meeting at 13.30h.

29 October 2013

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