

## Minutes of the EB meeting 2015-03 on 13 May 2015

**Time/place of the meeting:** Wednesday, 13 May 2015, 12:15, ETH-Rat, Effingerstrasse 6a, 3001 Bern

**Present:** Teresa Montaruli (TM), Olivier Schneider (OS, Chair), Adrian Signer (AS), Marc Türler (MT, Secretary), Rainer Wallny (RW)

The Chair opens the meeting at 12:15.

### 1. Agenda

The agenda is agreed.

### 2. Apologies

None.

### A. Administrative items

#### 3. Minutes of the EB meeting 2015-02 (27 March 2015) ([→ document](#))

The minutes are approved without modifications.

#### 4. List of Actions

The two actions 2015-02–17 on the organisational committee of SWHEPPS 2016 were briefly discussed. Iacobucci and Wallny could be complemented by Gilberto Colangelo as a theorist and by somebody from LHCb, as already agreed at the last EB. OS would be ready to be the LHCb person, but he shall check again with his colleagues at EPFL and Zurich if somebody else would wish to do this. The committee would thus have a fair geographical balance to this rather advisory committee for the definition of the programme. Other local people shall take care of the more practical aspects of the organisation. RW reminds that June is likely a better time for the meeting than February.

#### 5. Next EB meetings

- 2015-04: Fri., 29 May 2015, 11:15, ETH-Rat, Bern
- 2015-05: Tue., 25 August 2015, 12:15, ETH-Rat, Bern

The dates of these two next meetings are fine. There will be a problem with childcare for TM on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, and RW has two concurrent commitments with the Board 2015-03 on Friday, 23 October at 13:15. OS reminds that it will be difficult to change the date at this point and that this will be the Board meeting with the LA FLARE discussion. RW agrees that this should then have priority.

### B. Items for discussion

#### 6. CHIPP Plenary 2015

- Session programme (speakers, chairs)

All speakers are now confirmed and the programme has been completed on the Indico page of the meeting. The possible chairpersons are then discussed and identified. They have to be invited per e-mail before the registration deadline. For the final summary talk, RW proposes this to be just a five-minute farewell talk to thank everybody, and remind the diversity of CHIPP in the three pillars and the need to work together. OS agrees to say these “Closing remarks”.

→ MT: to invite the identified chair persons of the sessions

- Communication to invited speakers

OS asks MT to prepare a message to all speakers before the registration deadline with accommodation. It shall make clear when they speak, state that the allocated time includes questions, ask for a final title at their earliest convenience, and ask them to please register, and, prior to the meeting, to upload their presentation on the Indico page. MT agrees to act as a scientific secretary to make sure the presentations are available to be projected and to sort out any issue. It is agreed that the three external keynote speakers shall have their daily fees waived and they should be asked whether they have difficulties to get the funding of their travel expenses. For the seven other speakers who are not CHIPP members, it is agreed to waive at least their registration for the day of their talk.

→ MT: to send out the messages to all invited speakers

- Agenda of Board and Plenary meetings

The agenda of the Board shall be discussed at the next EB of 29 May. The agenda of the formal plenary will be similar to the one of last year, except that the allocated time is only 1h30 instead of 2h15 in Fribourg. There will thus only be time for 10 min talks on the various reports. There is a discussion on how to accommodate short reports from SPS by Andreas Schopper, IUPAP by Florencia Canelli, the commission of space research (CSR) by Xin Wu, etc. OS reminds that Canelli is not formally representing CHIPP at the IUPAP. RW suggests that the representatives / observers can be asked to stand up and say something in 1-2 minutes. The formal plenary will have as administrative items the election of the ECFA representatives and of new honorary members. A discussion followed about honorary members. OS mentions that Daniel Wyler retired this year and was therefore invited, and is willing, to become honorary Board member. OS asks whether there are other people to invite. TM mentions the possible interest of Divic Rapin who retired in 2013, but is still a CHIPP Plenary member who was not yet invited to become honorary member<sup>1</sup>. RW suggests to ask Ralph Eichler, who is no more a member of the Board, but should be asked to become honorary Board or Plenary member. MT suggests inviting Jean-Pierre Ruder as a honorary Plenary member. This is warmly agreed.

→ MT/OS: to finalize the programme of the formal plenary and invite the speakers

→ MT/OS: to clarify the situation and invite potential honorary members

- Social events and A.O.B.

OS reminds about the barbecue dinner on Tuesday evening. He proposes that it would be nice if somebody could play music during the barbecue. It is briefly discussed whether it is likely that a few participants would be willing to give a little performance. It is agreed to ask registered participants and encourage them to come with a little performance (music, song, magic trick, juggling, etc.) for the Tuesday evening.

→ MT: To encourage registered participants to give a little performance

## 7. CHIPP EB nominations

OS reports on the received nominations towards the CHIPP EB elections. He received a total of 13 nominations from 9 different Board members. There are only three different persons, who have been nominated. OS opened a discussion how to proceed. The issue of the vacant Chair position in 2015–2016 was also part of the reasoning.

→ OS: to contact the three nominees to clarify their willingness to serve

## 8. ECFA nominations

OS reports that he received only four messages, all from Board members. He got no nomination for the restricted ECFA suggesting that nobody contests Lenny Rivkin to be re-elected at this position. It looks like that at least one of the three nominees is not available. OS mentions the issue whether to send the ECFA nominations to the Plenary members only after the meeting of the Board, as it was done in Sursee. The EB agreed to proceed like in Sursee, with the exception that all Plenary members should receive the information, not only the members registered to the meeting.

→ OS: to contact the nominees to have confirmation of their willingness to serve

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<sup>1</sup> It was found out later that he was actually “professeur titulaire” at the University of Geneva since 2005, but was not a CHIPP Board member.

## **9. Scientific delegate to CERN Council 2016–2018**

OS's three-year term as scientific delegate to the CERN Council is ending in Dec. 2015. Bruno Moor (SERI) sent a letter to RW (the CHIPP Vice-Chair most involved in CERN) suggesting that the CHIPP Board recommends a continuation of OS's mandate for 2016–2018. The final decision is however to be taken by SERI. RW forwarded the letter to the EB members proposing to discuss the way forward at this EB meeting. OS states that he is ready to serve for a second mandate before leaving the room. RW reminds that the letter from SERI gives full support to the renewal of OS's mandate. After some discussion, it is agreed to hold a vote at the Board of June to confirm that the renewal of OS in this position is supported. In the unlikely situation that this would not be the case, the EB would organise a call for candidates towards elections at the Board 2015-03 of nominee(s) for this position. OS is called back into the room.

→ MT: to add the vote to the agenda of the Board 2015-02

## **10. Nomination to the MAP Executive Committee**

OS mentions that at the SCNAT MAP platform meeting of 24 March 2015, it was announced that three members of the executive committee of MAP (MAP Präsidium) are stepping down at the end of 2015. MAP is also considering to enlarge its executive committee. They are looking for 1–2 physicists, 1 astronomer and 1 mathematician to fill the positions and expect nominations from the community until the end of May. OS adds that this should not be too young people, but rather ones with some standing. Several names are mentioned as possible candidates. OS shall contact them to know whether one of them is willing to be nominated.

→ OS: to contact identified candidates towards a nomination

## **11. Support request for TEXAS Symposium 2015**

TM announces the 27<sup>th</sup> TEXAS Symposium on relativistic astrophysics to be held on 13–18 December 2015 at the International Conference Centre of Geneva<sup>2</sup>. This relatively large conference is expected to welcome around 400 participants and is organised by people from the University of Geneva, several of them being CHIPP members. The main topics are general relativity (100-year anniversary), cosmology and multi-messenger astrophysics. TM is suggesting a financial support to the conference from CHIPP. OS notes that the SuGAR conference for which CHIPP pledged 1500 CHF will in the end not request this money and that this could be transferred to support the TEXAS Symposium, which is also in Geneva. AS is wondering what will be the impact as for 400 participants, this will just represent some 3 CHF per participant. TM sees it also as a way to give visibility to CHIPP with the logo on the website and the poster. It is thus agreed to transfer the unused SuGAR funding to support the TEXAS Symposium.

## **12. Joint CHIPP/SPS annual meeting in 2016**

OS reports that Hans Peter Beck has communicated the preferred dates for the joint CHIPP/SPS annual meeting of next year, which shall take place from Tuesday, 23 to Thursday, 25 August 2016 at the USI Lugano. Beck asked for feedback from CHIPP on the proposed dates and whether CHIPP would like to extend the meeting on Monday or on Friday for holding its Board and Plenary meetings. OS reminds that the last sessions on Wednesday afternoon were poorly attended in Fribourg. One should therefore avoid having CHIPP sessions on the last afternoon of the meeting. It is agreed that the proposed dates are fine and that it is better to have the Board meeting on Monday before the start of the SPS meeting rather than on Friday. The formal Plenary could then either be held on Tuesday morning or also on Monday, depending when the SPS meeting is foreseen to start on Tuesday.

→ MT: to provide feedback to Beck and clarify the start of the meeting

## **13. Long Term Financial Tables**

OS introduces the topic by reminding the updated format of the CHIPP tables and the call for updates sent to the responsible person of each experiment. About half of the tables were sent back until now. There are problems of inconsistencies, in particular between the quoted FLARE numbers and the FLARE requests, problems of retiring people still listed until 2020, and of FTEs being over 1 for a given person when adding all the projects. The next step proposed by OS is to have the tables internally consistent. RW wonders if we will circulate the aggregated overall tables. OS leaves this open for the time being and aims at a first discussion at the Board of June. For this we need to have coherent inputs and he suggests go on interacting with the

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<sup>2</sup> The website of the symposium is: <https://indico.cern.ch/event/336103/>.

responsible people individually to improve the tables.

→ MT: to continue to interact with responsible people to get updated tables

### **C. Items for information**

#### **14. CHIPP Prize**

AS reports that the CHIPP Prize selection committee has defined a short list of 4 people, who are expected to give a talk with an interview scheduled on 26 May 2015 towards final decision. According to the Prize procedure agreed by the Board, "the ranking list of the candidates and their files are forwarded for information and discussion to the CHIPP EB, at the latest one month before the Plenary". AS asks about the level of detail expected for this communication, which should be done before the EB of 29 May. TM wishes to see how much points were attributed to the candidates for the various items (CV and publication list, the reference letter, and the written document). As far as these are the overall numbers of the committee, this is found to be fine. AS also agrees to provide all the nomination documents to the EB in a "DropBox" link.

→ AS: to provide the ranking and the files to the EB members before EB 2015-04

#### **15. Neutrino white paper**

OS reports on a phone call he had with Alain last week. There is still no clear answer whether a white paper can be produced in time for a presentation and an approval at the Board of June. The CHIPP EB is expressing worries that the loosely defined strategy in the neutrino pillar has a bad impact on CHIPP's reputation of having a portfolio of compelling experiments, which are discussed together and agreed. It is found counter productive on the longer term to continue on parallel developments by individual groups in Switzerland without trying to find and exploit synergies. In this situation, it will be difficult for CHIPP to defend the neutrino pillar in the LA FLARE panel.

→ OS: to discuss the issue individually with the three neutrino PIs

#### **16. Round Table International (short report)**

OS reminds about the informal report on the Round Table International meeting of 14 April 2015 sent by MT to the EB members. RW asks about the duration of the mandate of Antonio Ereditato as the representative of the Swiss funding agencies at Fermilab. OS notes that this was not discussed at the RTI meeting, but that he discussed it informally with Tristan Maillard (SNSF). There is apparently no formal end of this mandate and Ereditato was asked to attend and report on the First Session of the International Advisory Council (IAC) for the Long-Baseline Neutrino Program held at Fermilab on 20 April 2015.

#### **17. Status of recent and future meetings**

- CHIPP Plenary 2015, 29 June – 1<sup>st</sup> July 2015, Château de Bossey, VD: see item 6 above
- SWHEPPS 2016: Strategy Workshop on High-Energy Particle Physics in Switzerland, early 2016: see item 4 above
- PSI Zuz Summer School 2016, 7–13 August 2016, Zuz: not discussed

#### **18. A.O.B.**

None.

The Chair closes the meeting at 15:55.

26 May 2015

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