

Minutes of the EB meeting 2016-01 on 3 February 2016

Time/place of the meeting: Wednesday, 3 February 2016, 12:15, Albert Einstein Centre, Sidlerstrasse 5, Bern

Present: Günther Dissertori (GD), Teresa Montaruli (TM), Tatsuya Nakada (TN, Chair), Adrian Signer (AS), Marc Türler (MT, Secretary)

1. Agenda

The agenda is agreed with the addition proposed by TN to discuss again the CHIPP Plenary of 2017 in item 14.

2. Apologies

None, but TM informed that she is arriving late.

A. Administrative items

3. Minutes of the last meeting (2015-08) ([→ document](#))

The minutes are approved with thanks to the writer.

4. List of Actions

TN goes through the list of open actions. He mentions in particular action 2015-08 – 4.2 to re-discuss with Tristan Maillard the representation of the funding authorities in the US neutrino programme. The action Board 2014-03 – 9.2 on Antonio Ereditato is also related to this and depends on the evolution of this representation.

5. Next EB meetings

- 2016-02: Friday, 11 March 2016, 12:15, SCNAT, Bern
- 2016-03: Friday, 15 April 2016, 12:15, SCNAT (TBC), Bern

This is still fine. MT clarifies that SCNAT is now making a pre-reservation for future meetings, which is to be confirmed only 6 weeks before the meeting.

B. Items for discussion

6. Annual Accounts 2015

TN asks MT to briefly present the CHIPP accounts of 2015 distributed before the meeting. MT stresses the excellent work done by the CHIPP accountant Ms Monika Röllin from the University of Zurich, who prepared the distributed table with the profit/loss statement and the balance sheet. The loss of about 3.2 kCHF is lower than in 2014 (~6.3 kCHF) and also much lower than the budgeted deficit of 12 kCHF approved by the Board at the end of 2014. He notes that the audit could not be arranged before this EB meeting and will take place next week on 10 February. After some clarifications, this is found to be fine and ready to be sent to the Board with the auditor's report.

7. Functions and Tasks within CHIPP

TN goes through the updated list of functions and tasks available on the CHIPP website. After a brief discussion, it is agreed that MT can handle alone the task on the CHIPP long-term financial tables, without a responsible person from the EB. GD agreed to become the responsible, and thus the PI, of the joint LHC Maintenance & Operation requests. The organisation of the CHIPP PhD Winter School shall be in the hands of TM and Florencia Canelli with possible help from others (see item 11 below). TN then notes that some

responsible persons will finish their term by the end of this year. These are Michael Dittmar as ACCU delegate and Sigve Haug as Plenary-ECFA member. TN suggests MT to ask them whether they are willing to continue and be proposed for re-election at the next Plenary. The continuation of Hans Peter Beck in the SPS Executive Committee is to be clarified, but this is anyway not to be handled by CHIPP. The evolution of the LA FLARE body is currently uncertain. TN wishes to clarify this issue with Tristan Maillard (SNSF) before considering elections. He also proposes to remove the table entry on the FLARE panel, which is not the responsibility of CHIPP. Concerning the composition of the CHIPP EB in 2017, TN asks TM and AS whether they are willing to serve for another two-year term. He notes that usually EB members stay for two 2-year mandates. AS is willing to continue for 2 more years, while TM is ready to step down at the end of the year, according to the usual practice.

→ TN: to clarify with Tristan Maillard (SNSF) the evolution of LA FLARE

→ MT: to contact M. Dittmar (ACCU) and S. Haug (PECFA) concerning their re-election

→ MT: to prepare the call for EB candidates towards an election in August

8. Finalisation of the CHIPP Prize procedures

The EB agrees with the proposed modification of the CHIPP Prize procedures distributed prior to the meeting. The document has two alternative proposals for item 2, one of which shall be chosen by the Board. This is to be made clear in the cover page of the document sent to the Board. In addition, item 1 was modified to be more general and to be applicable for both proposals. This is found to be adequate. TN suggests in addition to replace “advertising” by “announcement” in item 3. AS then mentions that Peter Truöl is willing to leave the Selection Committee. There is the need to find a replacement, maybe from Zurich. A discussion followed on who could be asked to join the Selection Committee. Several names are mentioned and one is identified as being the first person to contact. The agenda item is concluded by discussing the date of the Prize announcement and of the deadline for applications. The announcement shall quickly follow the Board meeting by the end of February with a deadline by the end of April, which would be one month later than in 2015. AS remarks that if Proposal B is accepted by the Board, it would mean that a possible Prize winner doing a postdoc abroad would have to travel twice, once for the interview and once to receive the Prize.

→ AS: to contact the identified person to join the Selection Committee

→ MT: to issue the call for applications with the procedures agreed by the Board

9. Agenda of Board 2016-01

The draft agenda of the next Board meeting has been distributed prior to the meeting and is being discussed. AS suggests the item on the CHIPP School to become an information item rather than a discussion item, provided that TM and Forencia Canelli agree to take over the organisation (see item 11). This is agreed. TN suggests adding instead a brainstorming discussion item on the main upcoming funding issues. Another discussion item would be the format of the Plenary of 2017 (see item 14). For what concerns information on FLARE and LA FLARE and possible elections, TN needs to first discuss the issue with Tristan Maillard (see item 7). TN thinks that it is a good idea to have a news item on the APPEC General Assembly by TM (she agrees), and one on the Future Circular Collider (FCC) – now receiving a special funding from SERI – by Lenny Rivkin. Hans Peter Beck shall also be contacted for an information item on the TASK session (the CHIPP PhD/Postdoc days at the Plenary of August) and/or on the future outreach activities. GD and AS mention that there is a clash of dates with a theory group meeting in Zurich (held jointly between the UZH and the ETHZ), thus PhD students in theory from Zurich will likely rather attend this event than the CHIPP Plenary in Lugano.

→ TN: to contact Hans Peter Beck for a possible item on outreach or on the TASK session

→ TN: to clarify with the neutrino PIs if they wish to give a status report

→ MT: to contact L. Rivkin concerning a report on the FCC and R. Wallny for SWHEPPS

→ MT: to finalize the agenda and to send it to the Board with all related documents

10. Programme of the RECFA country visit

The general programme prepared by Lenny Rivkin has been distributed prior to the meeting and is discussed. TN suggests to reduce the foreseen duration of his CHIPP talk by at least 10 minutes and to rename the talk on the “precision frontier” as “low-energy precision experiments”. The rest of the programme was not much discussed. The main point is to identify the speakers. For the talk on computing the most obvious choice is to ask Christoph Grab, whereas Hans Peter Beck would present the outreach. Roland

Horisberger is identified for the talk on R&D and technology transfer. TN suggests that for the student presentation, all Board members are asked to propose names at the Board meeting. For the remaining talks, it is decided that the EB members contact the relevant Board members towards identifying suitable speakers in each field: GD for the high-energy frontier, TN for neutrinos and for the low-energy precision experiments, TM for the astro-particle experiments and AS for the theory activities. For the talk on accelerators, Lenny Rivkin shall be asked to come with propositions. Asked by GD whether to target the most senior people, TN suggests that one should rather aim at finding middle-carrier speakers, at the level of assistant professor or so. He reminds that 7 years ago at the EPFL the LHC talk was given by Olivier Schneider. The idea, as summarised by AS, is to come with 2-3 possible names for each talk and then to try to balance everything (in terms of gender, language, institute, etc.) at the Board meeting. The following issue was the dinner of Friday, April 1st and who to invite. GD notes that he is in charge of the local organisation and that a pre-booking for the dinner is secured. He notes that up to now, there are 22 RECFA people registered. TN thinks that all the speakers should be invited for dinner, plus some senior people. A short discussion followed on how to define these people and it was found problematic to simply invite all Board members to join, which would inevitably lead to having a geographic unbalance with mainly local people joining. The EB therefore wishes to propose to the Board to restrict, given logistic constraints, the dinner invitation to the speakers and to the EB members. TN raises the question about the number of people joining for lunch. Indeed, as all CHIPP members are welcome to join the RECFA visit, it is difficult to know how many people will attend in the end. It would maybe be needed to have people register for the event and the lunch. GD proposes to reconsider this issue after the Board meeting.

→ All EB: to identify 2-3 possible speakers for each talk prior to the Board 2016-01

11. CHIPP PhD Winter School 2017: next steps

TN informs that Florencia Canelli answered the last call for volunteers to co-organise the CHIPP PhD Winter School 2017, stating that she would be ready to help out with this. As TM also volunteered at the last EB meeting, TN suggests that TM contacts F. Canelli to discuss the next steps in view of a presentation at the Board.

→ TM: to contact F. Canelli and discuss the organisation for the Board meeting

12. Swiss nomination for the SAC of APPEC

TM reminds the call for nominations for the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) of APPEC with a formal deadline on February 1st. She would therefore need to provide Swiss nominations very soon. Currently, Switzerland is represented in the SAC by Laura Baudis. A few other names are mentioned and quickly discussed.

→ TM: to contact two identified candidates to see if they would be available

C. Items for information

13. Outreach on new SCNAT portal for “particlephysics.ch”

TN informs that SCNAT is ready to migrate the multi-lingual “particlephysics.ch” website to a new SCNAT thematic portal on particle physics. SCNAT would do this provided that CHIPP accepts to update it with new material in the future and is ready to provide 10 kCHF in 2016 to support this outreach activity. The EB agrees that this makes sense and that we should go on with the migration. The second point is to agree on what we do with the money and who does it. TN reminds that “particlephysics.ch” was build up by Benedikt Vogel with ideas and feedback from Hans Peter Beck. The SCNAT funding request submitted by H.P. Beck for CHIPP already mentions B. Vogel and has a cost estimate by him. TN wishes to have this more officially endorsed by the Board and to see a concrete offer for outreach activities in 2016 with a list of tasks from B. Vogel to be submitted to the Board for approval. GD agrees that this would be appropriate.

→ MT: to ask B. Vogel for a concrete proposal and a CV for approval by the Board

14. Status of future meetings

- RECFA country visit 2016, 1–2 April 2016, ETH Zurich: see item 10 above
- SWHEPPS 2016, 8–10 June 2016, Ägerisee, ZG:

TN reports that a majority of the organisers thinks one should keep the date in June 2016, although this will be before conclusive results from the LHC run 2. It however turned out in the mean time that the theory division of CERN organises the Guido Altarelli Memorial Symposium on Friday,

June 10th. GD already agreed to give a talk on this occasion and therefore it would make sense to move SWHEPPS by one day on 7–9 June instead of 8–10 June. It has been checked already that this would be fine with the venue at the Seminarhotel Ägerisee. AS notes that he will not be available on the 7th, but TN thinks that the most important is to have people present for the last-day discussion. It is therefore agreed to try to move the meeting by one day. Rainer Wallny should contact the hotel and the conveners. If there is no major problem, we go on and we inform on this at the Board meeting.

→ GD: to convey the discussion to R. Wallny for action before the Board

- Zuoz Summer School 2016, 14–20 August 2016, Zuoz, GR:
AS is happy to have already received registrations of students from Geneva and Lausanne. Things are on track.
- Joint SPS/CHIPP annual plenary 2016, 22–25 August 2016, Lugano, TI:
TN notes that there is nothing special to be discussed now. The Board and Plenary meetings are to be organised later on.
TN wishes to discuss instead the Plenary of 2017. The new information that followed the discussion at Board 2015-08 (item 10) is that the joint meeting between the Swiss and Austrian Physical Societies shall take place at CERN. AS agrees that it would not look very good to have this at CERN without CHIPP taking part, although the EB discussed last time that it is positive to have a separate CHIPP meeting every second year. TN suggests bringing the issue to the Board for discussion and possibly a decision.
- PSI 2016 workshop on Physics, Symmetries and Interactions, 17–20 October 2016, PSI: not discussed.

15. A.O.B.

TM wishes to get feedback on the APPEC Census table with the Swiss manpower and financial involvement that she needs to send back to APPEC. TN says that he looked at some of the numbers he could easily check and that this looks fine. GD mentions that there is an error of units for a 500 EUR statement at the end, which is obviously 500 kEUR. TM explains to GD that the Census will be used as an input for the Roadmap. As a side remark, TN notes that the short baseline neutrino projects are not really to be considered as astroparticle physics, but TM explains that the distinction between neutrino and astroparticle physics is quite different from one country to the other. Germany makes a stronger distinction, but other countries not. As the EB cannot cross check everything, it is agreed that TM sends the table to Tristan Maillard for information and agreement and then sends it to APPEC.

→ TM: to send the APPEC Census table to T. Maillard and then to APPEC

The Chair closes the meeting at 14:00.

9 February 2016

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