

Minutes of the EB meeting 2008-08 on 9 September 2008

Time/place of the meeting: EPFL, 9 September 2008, 13.30 – 15.00h

Present: Antonio Ereditato (AE), Tatsuya Nakada (TS), Ueli Straumann (US, chair), Jean-Pierre Ruder (JPR, Secretary).

1. **Agenda:** is approved with the following additions: item 7 (request from the Austrian Physical Society) and item 10 (manpower situation in Manno, ECFA, and ICFA)

2. **Apologies:** apologies received from MP

3. **Minutes** of the last meeting (2008-07) and list of Action items (attached) are approved.

4. Communication

- Fact sheets: status report on text and tables (industrial activities; missing information); translation; use for the LHC media day on 10 September.

The text has been finalised by the Board (see Minutes of the Board) and the tables have been removed. The English version has been forwarded to B. Gerber (Communication Network) for use in the context of 10 September.

The E version is the master, from which translations will have to be made. French and German versions: translations exist except for Section 6.

[Note from the Secretary: After the meeting, a few more comments from Board colleagues have been received; they will be integrated into the E version by JPR before providing the EB members with the text for translation].

- JPR: to bring the F and G version in line with the E text
 - JPR: to integrate the most recent comments from Board members
 - JPR to provide TN with the F and (revised) E versions and AE with the (revised) E version
 - TN to translate section 6 from E → F and check the other sections and the existing translation
 - AE to translate from E → I *[Note from the Secretary: text received already on 18 September]*
 - US/JPR to work on the G version (mainly section 6)
- “Nacht der Forschung” (26.9.): activities in BE and LS?
No news.

5. LHC-PostDocs on SUK/ETH money

- Finances: How many more PostDocs can we afford when?
US informs that the financial situation will allow the next round for a PostDoc advertisement in summer 2009 with hiring as from October onwards. The EB has an exchange of views regarding the possibility of looking for a (cheaper) fresh PhD, but is not in favour of such a solution.

- PRO*DOC: status report on education/research modules

See EB 2008-07

[Note from the Secretary: After the meeting, MP informed the members that the official letter from SNF has arrived; it tells exactly what to improve in the next round (deadline 1 March 2009).]

6. Finances

- CHIPP Tables: result from Board.
AE notes that the table is not yet complete and therefore the update process will continue. He also asks to remind people that the 2008 numbers will have to be brought in line with reality.
→ US to send out a reminder
- Feed-back from other communities wrt. SINERGIA
No news.

7. Status of future meetings

- CHIPP Plenary 2008: debriefing
Positive elements: very good attendance, good organisation, broad range of topics, interesting aspects presented also from Technology Transfer and Communications / Outreach.
Negative elements: not enough time for a decent Board meeting, too little visibility and attendance from theoretical physicists.
Lessons learnt:
 - (1) Consider the possibility of designating a specialist from a main field to organise the presentations and speakers.
 - (2) inform in a transparent way on the rules about timing / time allocation.
 - (3) ask theoreticians to make an effort in participation.
 - (4) give less time to Technology Transfer and Communication (in the next 2-3 years); make it a main topic in years 4 again (except if burning needs arise).
 - (5) consider about a longer Board or two Board meetings during the Plenary.
- Other meetings and Workshops: status
See EB 2008-07
- Austrian Physical Society (meeting 2-4 September 2009 in Graz): request to designate a speaker from particle physics.
US has been approached by the Swiss Physical Society SPS. The EB has an exchange of view.
→ all: provide ideas and proposals to US (deadline 20 September)

8. CHIPP prize

- Debriefing on the process
The EB considers the process and the ceremony as a success, but decides that in future the unsuccessful candidates have to be informed before the meeting. Contrary to the procedure, all Board members have been involved in the selection (not only the ordinary professors).
This will also be done in future.
→ AE will adapt the rules correspondingly

9. SCOAP3

- Status: letter Pohl to Eichler (re negative position of the ETH librarian)
No news about the letter; US is surprised that there are no complaints from the community.
→ US will contact Ralph Eichler on the subject.

10. A.O.B.

- CHIPP Homepage: updating; progress report
US is confident that progress will be made soon
→ US to bring up this point also with Ralph Eichler

- CSCS manpower situation:
US proposes to contact the new CSCS director as soon as he/she is nominated. EB accepts.
→ US to get advice on the matter from Ralph Eichler

- ECFA:
 - ➔ JPR to inquire about procedure for financial support from SER, using precedent of earlier years
 - ➔ TN to set up a sketch programme in time before the October EB meeting
- ICFA seminar 28-31 October 2008 at SLAC
TN informs that SNF is not able to attend.
 - ➔ JPR to inquire with the Deputy Director of the State Secretariat for Education and Science (Paul Zinsli) about a possible participation
- Next EB meeting: 17 October 2008, 10.00-13.00h, Buffet de la Gare, Lausanne

The meeting ended at 15h.
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