

Minutes of the EB meeting 2008-06 on 13 June 2008

Time/place of the meeting: Buffet de la Gare Lausanne, 13 June 2008, 10.00 – 12.00h

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

1. **Agenda** was approved as is.

2. **Apologies:** none; all members present.

3. **Minutes** of the last meeting (2008-04) and list of Action items (attached)

The minutes were approved; the EB took note that the numbering of the meetings as adopted last time was wrong. The today's meeting is the 6th meeting of 2008 (therefore: 2008-06).

4. **Communication network and fact sheet**

- Activities linked to the inauguration day? TN: report from the meeting of 9 June
Good news is reported from the foundation (significant contribution); the webpage, which is part of the concept, will have to be maintained. Who takes care? Possibly, this could be done through the updating of the fact sheets (coordinated by CHIPP). This will have to be explored. The planned film will show the journey of a proton in the LHC.
The CHIPP EB agrees that it is the task of CHIPP to make sure that the content of the film is right.
- How to enhance the visibility of Swiss participation in LHC?
On the grounds of the experience with the recent NZZ article, the CHIPP EB discusses shortly how to be more present – with the Swiss contributions – in the Swiss newspaper. CHIPP calls on all people involved to be more proactive in this respect and hopes that the fact sheets will be a facilitator to approach journalists.
- Fact sheet: progress report
US has checked the templates with a few CHIPP Board members (with positive results). Therefore, the group leaders will receive the questionnaire soon.
→ US: to send out the questionnaire.
→ all CHIPP Board members: please fill in the questionnaire as complete as you can (with a reasonable effort) and return it ASAP to the sender.

5. **LHC-PostDocs on SUK/ETH money**

- Selection process: organisation
Up to now, 8 applications have been received for the second round; the closing date is 1st July 2008 (see CHIPP web site and <http://cerncourier.com/cws/jobs>)
- Matching funds: news from GE? ZH?
The EB members report on the individual progress at all three universities.

→ MP, AE, US: to continue individual local actions (AE to contact U.BE rector before US takes action; US will contact U.ZH rector again)

- PRO*DOC?
No news

6. Finances

- CHIPP Tables: progress from Geneva WS?
The response has been good; data collection is underway by AE. Two additional years will be added (2012 and 2013); the amounts inserted in a given year shall correspond to the needs of that year; R&D activities will be presented in a clearer way.
- Feed-back from other communities wrt. SINERGIA
US has spoken to Courvoisier (ISDC) about CTA (positive) and Baudis (double β decay; dark matter), who was a bit sceptical. MP explains that the central SINERGIA condition is that people to work on same subject (not necessarily on same project).
→ US: to continue talking with other communities.
AE plans to submit a request for neutrino (T2K) together with Blondel and Rubbia.
→ US: to write to SNF (letter of intent) stating that there will be two (possibly three) requests from CHIPP community.
- Feed-back on possible NCCR proposal
e-Grid: US has contacted Grab (positive) and representatives of other communities (no interest from astroparticles, chemistry and protein people).
accelerators: MP has contacted Bourquin (who recommends contacting L. Rivkin); the EB is of the opinion that it might be difficult to federate the distributed activities of the accelerator community.
→ TN: to talk to Rivkin.

7. Force Requests 2008/9

- Coordination of requests
US has spoken to several people, who seem to agree that it should be possible to submit all FORCE requests to SNF once per year only (for the September deadline). This would enhance further the transparency of the distribution of the FORCE funds.
→ US: to inform SNF, SBF and Amsler about this intention.
- FORCE request on M&O: who does what?
The CHIPP EB agrees on the future work distribution regarding the FORCE request for M&O:
→ TN: to attend the RRBs. Next takes place on 11/12 November 2008.
→ JPR: to write the M&O request on the basis of the inputs of the responsible persons for the experiments. Target date for submission: end October.
→ US: to inform SNF on the delay of submission (like last year) due to the RRB date.

8. Scientific Secretary for the European Strategy Session of the CERN Council

- Feed-back from CHIPP Board; discussion
On the basis of the returns and inputs from the CHIPP Board, the EB recommends to the Swiss CERN Delegation three candidates to be supported (together with a ranking).

9. Status of future meetings

- CHIPP Plenary 2008: status of organisation, programme, invitations,
TN: local organisation is ongoing (meeting rooms, hotel [website will open soon], dinner)

US: will start detailed planning soon (programme, invitations)

- Other meetings and Workshops: status
 - U.ZH: WS on High Energy Frontier will take place on 29/30 January 2009.
 - Plenary 2009: site survey is ongoing; a proposal might come to the EB in August.

10. CHIPP prize reminder

No further applications have been received; although some interest has been expressed. Apparently, there has also been some criticism about the restrictions for application (thesis has to be handed in already).

11. SCOAP3

MP reports about good progress in the discussion with the responsible librarian from U.GE (Mrs von Roten). She would need a letter of intent from CHIPP to make progress. CHIPP EB agrees to the draft letter proposed and asks MP to sign it.

12. A.O.B.

- CHIPP Homepage: updating
The search function on the CHIPP homepage, which does not differentiate between theory and experiments, will be improved.
→ US: to send out appropriate instructions to all people concerned.
- CHIPP Cluster: SUN offer and letter of support for ETHZ
The SUN offer for the Phoenix cluster is advantageous, and the ETH-Rat will deal with the matter soon. The EB agrees with the way forward and with a letter of support.
→ US: to write a letter of support from CHIPP.
- DoE recommendations: US Particle Physics – Scientific Opportunities (see: http://www.science.doe.gov/hep/HEPAP/reports/P5_Report%2006022008.pdf)
After a short exchange of views comprising also the recent discussions at the Geneva WS, the EB agrees that the Plenary 2008 should deal also with muons.
- Next EB meeting: The 18 July 2008 is cancelled.
The next EB meeting will take place on Monday, 25 August 2008, 10-13h, Buffet de la Gare, Lausanne. Agenda items will be (among others):
 - Selection of Post docs
 - Agenda of the Board meeting (8 September, 17.30h, EPFL)
 - Details for the Plenary 2008
 - Proposals/selection of meeting place for Plenary 2009

The meeting ended at 11.55h.
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