

Time/place of the meeting: Videoconference (EVO), 10 February 2010, 13.00 – 14.00h
Connected: Laura Baudis (LB), Klaus Kirch (KK), Martin Pohl (MP, Chair), Tatsuya Nakada (TN);
Present with MP: Jean-Pierre Ruder (JPR, secretary).

The Chair opens the meeting at 13.10h

1. Agenda

The agenda is approved.

2. Apologies

None.

A. Administrative items

3. Minutes of the last meeting (2010-01)

The minutes of the January meeting 2010-01 are approved, with thanks to the minute writer.

4. List of Action Items (version 5 February 2010)

The Chair highlights some of the open issues; no specific action is added.

5. Next EB meeting

Due to an unforeseen commitment, KK will not be able to attend the meeting of 29 March 2010 (2010-03). The meeting is postponed to **9 April 2010** (10-13h) at the Buffet de la Gare, Lausanne.
→ JPR: to make a reservation for the meeting room

B. Items for discussion

6. C-15 2009 Annual Report

- Draft report

MP introduces the report shortly, asking the EB to agree on it. The report will then be submitted to SUK by the C-15 project leader Ueli Straumann. The report is a condensed summary based on the individual input received from the partnering institutes.

KK mentions that FOLIS is not only about 'non-accelerator particle physics' but should also include 'accelerator based particle physics outside CERN'. The EB agrees with this view.

→ JPR: to amend the text about FOLIS according to these lines.

7. C-15 2012 Request for extension?

- Position of the EB

MP recalls the negative answer of the SUK on the CHIPP letter explaining the situation and asking for additional funds for 2012 and asks the EB for a first statement about the desirability

and the necessity to extend the C-15 for one year, covering also 2012 (unfortunately without additional funds). He mentions that the present budget planning indicates the possibility to continue C-15 with two PostDocs in 2012; if this were to be confirmed, he would suggest to think about an as equal as possible re-balancing of the PostDoc distribution. Clarifying the issue for TN, he continues by suggesting that the funds go to the IT posts. Without going already into the detail of the distribution of funds, the EB concurs in principle with an extension to 2012. The corresponding request will have to be handed in to SUK by 1 April 2010; the draft request will be circulated among the EB members for comments.

→ JPR: to draft the request, discuss it with the project leader and MP and circulate it.

MP continues to sound out the position of the EB members regarding a new request for the period 2013-2016, which will have to be written in 2011. The EB is positive about such a new request. LB would prefer that the scope is enlarged to other scientific fields and TN suggests a more coherent programme including non-accelerator particle physics. MP fears that enlarging of the scope would take away the strong focus and the *raison d'être* of the present C-15, centred on the scientific exploitation of the LHC; further, he is of the opinion that if an enlargement is envisaged, all three pillars of the roadmap should be included. The discussion about this topic will be continued during the next 12 months, in the EB as well as in the Board.

C. Items for information

8. Round Table “International Representation”

- Status

MP informs that this month he will write a letter to SER, SNF, CRUS and scnat, aiming at a meeting in April. The letter will suggest installing regular meetings with all organisations funding particle physics projects; in the first round, the composition of the body and its mandate shall be discussed, in the second round, a regular mechanism regarding the Swiss representation in international committees and projects shall be installed. MP confirms to TN, that neither the CERN delegation nor the CERN LHC RRB representation is included in this discussion (the latter has been decided by the LA FORCE in December to be TN/CHIPP).

The EB agrees to this way forward.

9. Outreach: Communication network

- Status and proposal

MP informs that the Rector of the University of Berne agrees in principle to appoint someone from his communication office for this task, but that he is looking for some financial support. MP suggests addressing the SNF with this problem, reminding it of its several statements that outreach should be taken seriously etc.

KK believes that scnat has some limited funds for outreach; therefore, a membership of CHIPP in scnat might also have a positive effect in this sense. MP agrees but mentions also that one can not expect large additional funds from scnat.

To clarify the procedure, MP states that the SNF request would be a common request of all CHIPP institutes lead by Berne as PI. This would be advantageous compared to including outreach in each individual SNF request, because it will be judged on its own merits. MP clarifies for KK that the funds thus received would be distributed (except for the Berne Network node as requested by the Rector) and to TN that this would be a service.

MP suggests contacting Burkhard/SNF for advice and will then instruct HPB about how to proceed. The EB agrees with this proposal.

→ JPR: to draft a letter to Burkhard asking for advice.

10. Membership in scnat

- Status of discussions

MP has had several contacts all suggesting that CHIPP should write to the President of scnat. The draft letter will be circulated in the EB for comments. The EB agrees to this procedure.

→ JPR: to draft the letter to Prof. Monard (incl. a short description of CHIPP) and to circulate it. TN reminds the EB members that there is the issue of the legal status of CHIPP. MP says that by adhering to scnat, CHIPP would acquire a legal status, which would mean – according to TN – that CHIPP would then be able to apply for the FORCE M&O funds directly; he believes that this would solve the question of overhead (although FORCE funds are not subject to this rule). MP suspects that this is rather an EPFL internal problem. On the duty side, MP mentions the fact that an annual report will have to be submitted to scnat.

11. CHIPP representatives in committees

- ApPEC ASPERA Scientific Advisory Committee

MP has discussed the issue with Bourquin and both agree that CHIPP should be represented by an EB member. LB has been approached by the ApPEC secretariat and is ready to serve (and to inform the EB regularly about the Committee's work). This leads MP to conclude that this solution serves CHIPP well and that in this case, no further action would be necessary.

→ LB: to keep the EB updated regularly

12. Status of future meetings

- Astrophysics at very high energies (Diablerets)

Despite the attractive programme, no EB member will attend the WS. Therefore, MP suggests that Walter is invited to the next EB to report.

→ JPR: to inform Walter and invite him for the meeting 2010-03

- WS on High Energy Frontier (Zurich)

No news

- WS on Symmetries and Interactions at Low Energies and the Precision Frontier (PSI)

KK informs that he is collecting input from the speakers and that the contributions are coming in. The WS will soon be advertised. MP mentions that CHIPP would be ready to provide a small financial support (if really needed) and asks that the WS is mentioned on the CHIPP web page.

- Other WS: LB informs about a WS at Zurich (5 July) on WimP, and MP reminds the EB about the flavour physics WS at Berne. The EB agrees that all these WS should be mentioned on the CHIPP web page.

→ MP: to collect the relevant links from KK, LB and Colangelo for the CHIPP web page.

13. A.O.B.

- SPS annual meeting 2010 (21-23 June, Basel)

→ KK will send a reminder to CHIPP

- FOLIS next step

LB inquires about the next steps. MP states that the Round Table on international representation will be the next opportunity to talk about FOLIS (US will be invited).

- ProDoc

LB would like to know if there is a preference regarding the academic level of the ProDoc coordinator and the responsible person of the doctoral education programme at the universities. MP says that at most universities it is a professor, but more important is that he/she is really interested in the matter.

The Chair closes the meeting at 14h.

12 February 2010

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