Time/place of the meeting: 24 March 14:00h, Video Conference via VIDYO

Present: Rainer Wallny Chair (RW), Gino Isidori (GI), Anna Sfyrla (AS), Michele Weber (MW) and Angela Benelli (AB).

1. **Agenda.** The agenda is approved.

2. **Apologies.** None.

A. Administrative items

3. **Minutes** of the last meeting (2020-01).

AS added a clarification about the APIF[1] discussion, it was included in the final version. The University of Geneva will reimburse M. Bourquin travel expenses from departmental funds with the agreement of Giuseppe Iacobucci, the department director. M. Bourquin is officially deputised by CHIPP to represent Switzerland in the APIF network because the CHIPP community recognises the value of his service.
M. Bourquin will report to CHIPP as voted in the Board meeting once a year[2].

The EB minutes are approved and AB will publish them on the [CHIPP website](#).

4. **List of Actions**
<u>2017-03 – 14: CTA funding issue</u>. SERI has agreed to continue supporting CTA for the next funding period of 2021-24 with intermediary measures while the negotiations about joining the ERIC as founding member is still pending. Due to the current lack of a larger national scale Swiss involvement in CTA the previously approved 8 MCHF credit line should be extended until 31.12.2024.[3] The intermediary funding provided will allow the Swiss community to bridge the time until it will be clearer what is the Swiss effort involved in the project.
<u>2018-05 – 10: Outreach funding request AGORA.</u> Gunther Dissertori communicated to AB that the people responsible of the Landesmuseum Zürich showed that they would not be able to host such an event, since somehow too much out of their scope. GD discussed with HP Beck and K. Müller. HP said that he would investigate with the **Bernisches Historisches Museum** (Einstein Museum) in Bern as possible location. There is still the will to actualize the project, but for the moment it is on hold.

5. **Next EB meetings**

   7 May 12h15, via VIDYO
   4 June 12h15, via VIDYO

B. Items for discussion

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[1] APIF [website](#)
[2] Board [slides](#) and minutes
[3] https://www.sbfi.admin.ch/sbfi/de/home/bfi-politik/bfi-2021-2024.html

6. Roadmap 2020 Organization

The Kandersteg Workshop of the 25 and 26 June was supposed to be the focal point for the preparation of the CHIPP Roadmap. It assumed that the European Strategy would be public by then. The big uncertainty due to the Covid-19 pandemic puts everything on hold. The EB will fix an extraordinary meeting in the middle of April to see whether the situation permits and open the registrations otherwise postpone the Workshop.

The Editorial Board will have its second meeting the 30 March, via video conference. The main topic of discussion will be the modality to delegate the writing to the CHIPP community. The Roadmap skeleton is ready on git [4] thanks to AS. CHIPP should report at the Round Table International meeting, the 2 April, about the progress in the Roadmap compilation. Since the restrictions of meetings and travels a document should be sent with the status of the activities related to the Roadmap to Marc Türler (MAP/SCNAT)[5].

AB→ prepare a draft letter.

7. CHIPP Board/Plenary Organization

The main topic of the Board on 29 June will be the FLARE tables even if a second Board should be organized in October just before the FLARE funding request submission[6].

8. Flare Tables & M&O – timeline for collecting data and information.

The EB discusses the necessity to add to the CHIPP FLARE Table the information of the Swiss Community size in each experiment, not only the CHIPP FTEs. There is already in column N of the Table the "Swiss head" that could serve this purpose. In the CHIPP Board members column (G column in the FLARE Table) only CHIPP Board Members are allowed.

At the Board meeting in February the next deadline for the FLARE Table updates has been set to 31 May. This gives time to define the FTEs, the funding requests and to revisit the CHIPP priorities that were last set in 2016[7]. There was the proposal to set a Flare table for common R&D across experiments for future common projects such as FCC. The SNSF policy for the R&D funding requests should be cleared since in the future the R&D could be under a particular experiment or not, being of more general purpose. SNSF requires that each funding request should be associated by a SNSF approved project, this limit the FLARE R&D requests for FCC for this round. There is another funding instrument, Sinergia[8], PIs from different experiments could join their project and make one proposal at next round, there are up to 4 PIs allowed in the same request, one of them could be someone from the EB as CHIPP representative. One PI is allowed only one Sinergia grant. This idea could be extended also to FLARE, to establish an R&D FCC collaboration.

The EB checks the updated version of the FLARE plots from the Board meeting (2020-01).

AS notes that in the FTEs plot FASER is missing, AB→ fix it. Only CHIPP Board Members should be counted in the FTEs, visiting Professors are not included. AB→ check with Tatsuya Nakada the policy followed in the past.

Teresa Montaruli informed AB that the request under the CTA FLARE table concerns Large Size Telescope (LST)[9], which has its own MoU. The HERD experiment is not applying for a FLARE grant since is a space experiment, it could apply via Prodex[10].

AB→ send a reminder to all PIs for the FLARE updates.

RW → contact SNSF to clarify the R&D funding request.

EB→ the EB should make a proposal for the FLARE priorities (which will include also flagship efforts in each pillar) to submit to the Board.

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[4] https://gitlab.cern.ch/rwallny/chipp-roadmap2020

[5] https://naturalsciences.ch/organisations/scnat/research_infrastructures

[6] http://www.snf.ch/en/funding/infrastructures/flare/Pages/default.aspx

[7] 2015: https://chippfiles.scnat.ch/CHIPP/Board/Board2015-03/Board2015-03_slides_Chair.pdf
  2016: https://chippfiles.scnat.ch/CHIPP/Board/Board2016-03/Board2016-03_slides_item7_Chair.pdf

[8] Sinergia: http://www.snf.ch/en/funding/programmes/sinergia/Pages/default.aspx

[9] LST: http://www.lst1.iac.es

[10] Prodex: https://www.sbfi.admin.ch/sbfi/en/home/research-and-innovation/space/informations-for-experts/prodex.html

9. **CHIPP/SPS joint annual meeting – updates on organisation Round Table discussion**.

The EB is in contact with the SPS secretariat and with Hans Peter Beck (SPS Chair) for the Round Table organisation and for TASK sessions.

10. **Tier-2 Computing**

MW reports about the Tier-2 Computing issue. After a first period of settlement, the colleagues from CHIPP and CSCS found an agreement on how to continue to collaborate. It's important to confirm to the parties that CHIPP receives funds from FLARE for the LHC computing and it is ultimately CHIPP that acts as a contract partner to ETH Zürich in order to allocate the funding to CSCS to perform the desired job. The current contract is valid until the end of 2022 and needs to be honored until then.
These are the people and Institutes involved in the Tier-2 computing:
- The CHIPP Computing Board[11] should monitor the TIER-2 computing.
- SNF (FLARE grant) is funding 1.5 FTEs and CPU/Disk Hardware acquisition via FLARE.
- Bern University contribute to the co-fund with 0.5 FTE to support CHIPP activities
- ETHZ/CSCS contributes funding 1 FTE and used to provide Electric Power
- CSCS is represented by its Director Thomas Schulthess

C. Items for information

11. **CHIPP Function & Task nominations**

The EB has not received any nomination yet for either the EB or ACCU representative.

12. **Data Privacy Policy**

D. Kettiger, the expert of data protection policy that advised the SCNAT on this matter has evaluated the privacy consensus that CHIPP has prepared for its members. He agrees that the original consensus, after some small improvement, is correct for the consensus of the CHIPP members to have their data in the CHIPP database. In order for this to be valid also for the online publication of data CHIPP needs to have it signed by every member. At any rate, as the personal data of CHIPP members are not so-called sensitive data in the sense of Art. 3 lit. c FADP, it is not necessary to have their consent in a written form, that means handwritten or signed (personal signature). Therefore, a proper consent may be given by the CHIPP members in an electronic way. E.g they get an e-mail from CHIPP with a link an there on a website can give their consent by first clicking the choice you give in the consent form and then finally give the consent by clicking a button. Or they can fill in and sign the consent form and send it to CHIPP administration. For CHIPP the important thing is, to be able to prove in any case that consent was given.

AB→ contact the SCNAT to have the CHIPP database password protected until we obtain the consensus of the CHIPP members. AB → ask the IT SCNAT to help implementing the online version of the consensus on the CHIPP website.

13. **Status of recent & future meetings**

25-26 June 2020
CHIPP RoadMap Workshop (Kandersteg) 2020
29-3 July 2020
SPS/CHIPP Joint Annual Meeting (Fribourg) 2020

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[11] CHIPP Computing Board: https://naturwissenschaften.ch/organisations/chipp/meetings_documentation/computing_board

Other news

CHIPP Prize 2020

GI as chair of the CHIPP Prize committee asks to extend the deadline for the application letters.
AB → send an email to all CHIPP members to inform the CHIPP community that:
- deadline for applicants Apr. 1
- deadline for letters Apr. 15
- applications & letters should be sent only via email.