

Minutes of the Board meeting 2022-01 on 21 February 2022

Time of the meeting: Monday, 21 February 2022 from 13:15 to 16:00
Place of the meeting: ZOOM
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1. Welcome and agenda

Michele Weber, the CHIPP chair, welcomes the Board members, the honorary Board members, and the observers to the Board.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

2. Apologies and Proxy votes

Board members with voting rights (as of 4 November 2021): 69

Present: Antusch, Baudis, Beck, Braccini, Caminada, Donega, Golling, Hildebrandt, Isidori, Kilminster, Laine, Lauss, Marinkovic, Montaruli, Müller, Ritt, Schramm, Sfyrla, Shchutska, Signer, Spira, Sanchez-Nieto, Stoffer, Weber (Chair), Wu.

Other participants: Benelli (Admin.), Reymond (Obs. SERI), Schopper (Obs. SPS) Türlér (Obs. SCNAT)

Electronic vote: Paolo Crivelli, Günther Dissertori, Anna Soter, Mike Seidel, Stefano Pozzorini, Annapaola De Cosa, Martin Kunz

Apologies: Cornelia Sommer (SNF)

The Chair details the proxy votes announced before the meeting¹².

Quorum: 23 votes (= 1/3 of the Board members; Art. 24.1 Statutes); Votes present: 25 present + 3 proxies + 7 electronic vote = 35 → The quorum is reached.

3. Minutes of the last meeting (2021-03) [4 November 2021])

The Chair asks for comments concerning the minutes of the previous meeting. Since there are none, the Chair invites the Board to approve them. The minutes are approved and will be published on the [CHIPP](#) website.

Michele explains the procedure for electronic voting via zoom.

DECISION ITEMS

4. Closure of the 2021 Accounts

The Chair reminds that CHIPP, as member of SCNAT, has to deliver an annual report to this

¹² Lesya Shchutska for Olivier Schneider, Malte Hildebrandt for Klaus Kirch, Christoph Grab for Rainer Wallny

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organization and that therefore the format of the CHIPP annual activity report is based on the SCNAT format. The very first draft of the annual report is available on the reserved CHIPP directory. Angela asks the Board members to please check the entries of their own Institute regarding CHIPP members acting as official delegates to international organisations, if there were changes with respect to 2020. It will be possible to update the document until 20 March. Please send input to Angela.

- **Annual Accounts 2020**

Angela briefly presents the main income and expenditures of the profit and loss statements. The incomes amount to 151'763.- CHF and the expenses to 153'605.- CHF, resulting in a loss of 1'842.- CHF. This is reflected in the balance sheet by a corresponding decrease in assets from 39'550 CHF at the end of 2020 to 37'708 CHF at the end of 2021. Angela and Susanne Hodler performed the accounts independently. They were in full agreement, and the documents presented to the auditors were the ones of Ms. Hodler.

- **Auditor's Report**

The audit took place on the 15 February 2022 via ZOOM with two auditors – Saverio Braccini (Uni Bern) & Steven Schramm (UniGe) – in the presence of Angela Benelli (administrator), and Susanne Hodler (accountant, SCNAT).

According to the auditors, the statements fairly represent the financial position of CHIPP, have been prepared with care and comply with statutory requirements.

The Board unanimously:

- approves the CHIPP Annual Report 2021 to be made publicly accessible on the CHIPP website;
- approves the annual accounts, the balance sheet, and the profit and loss statement for 2021;
- formally discharges the CHIPP EB and the CHIPP administration for the year 2021, expressing at the same time its thanks and appreciation for the careful accounting.

→ Admin.: to make the report accessible and to provide the accounts to SCNAT

DISCUSSION ITEMS

5. FLARE Table update

Michele Weber reminds the Board of the new FLARE call in 2022. This call is part of the 2021-2024 FLARE period. There was a first call in 2020 with the possibility to submit two, three or four years and there is now a new call with a deadline of 15th of November of this year to cover grants for 2023 and 2024.

In 2020 CHIPP prepared a prioritization document where we indicated three categories of projects: uncuttable, flagship and fair share programs. CHIPP will keep the same structure and the basics of this prioritization document for the full 4-year FLARE period, but we can re-evaluate it and make minor modifications in view of the submission at the end of this year for the part concerning the fair share project requests. The EB proposes to initiate a process of updates for the FLARE tables to be handed in by the 18th March; in particular, the updates are requested regarding the 23-24 years and more precise estimations regarding the 25-28 period. The CHIPP roadmap for particle physics is the Swiss input to the next FLARE period. The discussion of the updates will take place in June at the CHIPP Board, while the presentation of the planned submissions will take place at the Fall CHIPP Board.

6. CHIPP functions and tasks – call for nomination

Several CHIPP positions need to be renewed next year; the EB follows the common practice: if a person wishes to continue for a 2nd term, we do not call for nominations, and there will be a re-election by the Board; If a term beyond second is aimed for, we call for nomination and there will be an election by the Board.

The EB reports on the decision that Ben Kilminster has been appointed as DUNE and HyperK RRB delegate. SERI has been informed and agrees on this decision.

ENDING in DECEMBER 2022

- CHIPP EB need successors for Weber and Isidori, we need new candidates

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- CHIPP chair (either existing or the new member)
- ACCU delegate → S. G. Sevilla accepts to continue
- CHIPP Outreach and Education → K. Müller accept to continue
- Plenary ECFA → Domenico della Volpe cannot be renewed; we need a new candidate
- ECT* Swiss representative → G. Colangelo accepts to continue

Angela will send the email to collect nominations for the two EB vice-chairs and the Plenary ECFA representative. She will contact the CHIPP members who retire this year to invite them to become Board or Plenary Honorary members.

7. Gravitational Waves working group report

Steven Schramm (U Geneva) reports on the updates of the Gravitational Waves Working Group; the slides are available [here](#). Steven reports on the current and future facilities, especially on the Einstein Telescope (ET) experiment, which has become an approved experiment and to which Swiss groups are bringing significant contributions. The University of Geneva, of Zurich and ETHZ are involved. Michele Maggiore is the chairman of the experiment, and the University of Geneva is very involved in the management and grant application with UZH and ETHZ support. The ET INFRA-DEV grant went forward with substantial Swiss involvement in computing led by A. Fragkos (UniGe); INFRA-TECH scope is now clearer, but not entirely defined. T. Montaruli is coordinating INFRA-TECH; a work package structure is being discussed between the research infrastructure participating as CTA, MAGIC and LST. The working groups are forming now. The main goal is to involve Swiss industry in the project.

S. Schramm is leading the input from the ET computing side. P. Jetzer (CHAPS) and S. Schramm agreed to be the representatives of the CHIPP/CHAPS GW group for now.

8. CHIPP Prize 2022

Gino Isidori asks the Board to encourage students to apply; the deadline is 1 April 2022. The winner announcement will be made at the CHIPP plenary meeting in June; the presentation will be arranged at the SPS Annual meeting.

9. CHIPP Plenary meeting

This year the CHIPP Annual meeting will be held, together with the SPS at the University of Fribourg from the 27th June to the 1st July 2022.

The EB is organising together with the ERC forum group the Plenary meeting and some satellite events reserved for the ERC group. The best solution is to have both the CHIPP Board and Plenary meetings on the first day of the SPS meeting, the 27th June. We decided to organise a buffet lunch reserved for CHIPP members and to have (maybe) an outing in the evening together with the ERC group.

10. FCC status & updates in Switzerland

Anna Sfyrila gives an update on the FCC workshop; it will be organized in May. Physics and detector strategy/requests will be discussed. It will be a privileged place where CHIPP can discuss input from institutes of Interest and activities.

Feasibility studies MoU are updated and more concrete:

- The University of Bern signed the MoU.
- The University of Basel is in the process of signing the MoU with S. Antusch's group being active on theory aspects such as Heavy Neutral Leptons, and BSM in general.

Please send Angela the updates you have from your institute.

INFORMATION ITEMS

11. SPS/OPG joint annual meeting 2022 in Fribourg

Andreas Schopper reports [1] on the organisation of the [SPS annual meeting](#), as every year the TASK session will be organised together with CHIPP. Angela will help during the SPS meeting. On the 1st July a satellite event is organised "Women in Physics Career Symposium", [\[link\]](#).

The deadline for abstract submission is the 15 March, for the registration, it is the 1st June 2022.

The organisation for the 2023 Annual meeting is starting; the hosting place should be the University of

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Basel, the preferred date is end of August or beginning of September.

12. New professorships at CHIPP institutes: report from each institute

- Basel: the interviews for a new Professorship will start in the end of March
- Zurich: the process of selection for an experimental GW physicist has started.
- EPFL: the process of interviews for an experimental particle physicist has started.

13. A.O.B.

- a) The [PSI Summer School](#) in Zuoz will start registration in March 2022.
- b) The [PSI 2022 Workshop](#) will start registration in February 2022.
- c) Angela would like to thank all the CHIPP ladies who participated in the 11 February [Women in Science day](#); it had a very good response on Twitter, 10% engagement rate on the 11 Feb. and 6% the 12 February.