Minutes of the EB meeting 2021-02
on 17 March 2021

Time/place of the meeting: 17 March 9:00, Video Conference via ZOOM

Indico: https://indico.cern.ch/event/1019062/

Agenda: approved.
Apologies: none.

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

Guest: Mauro Donegà (ETHZ), Katharina Müller (University Zurich)

A. Administrative items

Minutes of the last meeting (2021-01): MW has a comment to send and then AB will publish them on the www.chipp.ch → link.
List of Actions: no news for the list items.
Next EB meetings: In April, RW will send a Doodle.

  April: Nominations / Organization of Plenary 2019
  May: SCNAT funding requests / Nominations / TASK program
  June: Preparation Plenary agenda / Board agenda / CHIPP prize
  October: Board agenda / CHIPP activities and budget 2020

B. Items for discussion

1. Tier-2 Computing

Mauro Donegà is invited to attend the meeting. Mauro asked to have the EB advice about the plan to make a change in the structure of the Computing Steering Board that together with the Technical Advisory Computing Board makes up the CHIPP Computing Board. The Technical Advisory Computing Board has one person who represents each experiment, called virtual organization representative (VOrep). The VOreps have the knowledge of about the experiments computing workflows; they know how to system works and they provide the connection between CSCS and the experiments. The group meets every month with CSCS to coordinate the ongoing activities. The Steering Board consists of one member per Institute and per experiment and should take care of strategic and long-term decisions, and of the FTEs involved on the Technical Board. The strategic decisions are always taken at the experiment level and not by each institute. Pledges are discussed within the experiments, Mauro collects them from the VOreps and asks the Steering Board members for confirmation. The Steering Board should also give directives on the FTEs and for additional resources to be allocated for the transition to the new computer facility ALPS.

The proposal would be to mimic the composition of the Technical Board to the Steering Board, moving from one representative for each Institute to one representative per experiment. In addition, Mauro would like to introduce a time duration for the Steering Board members (long term involvement remains advisable).

The EB agrees with Mauro Donegà's proposal. The EB and the Computing Board Chair will inform the CHIPP Board about the changes on the Computing Steering Board at the next Board meeting in June 2020.

> The EB will write to the actual Computing Steering Board and ask them for nominations from each experiment to be members of the new Computing Steering Board.

2. Outreach/AGORA project

Katharina Müller is invited to join the meeting. Jorg Wenninger (CERN) asked CHIPP to update the slides that CERN uses for VIP presentations where the Member States are presented. We need to check that the numbers are correct and update the sentences that are stated. AS suggests mentioning all the other experiments beyond Collider Physics where Swiss Institutes contribute. Katharina and Angela will look at this and provide the new material to Jorg.

Katharina reports about the history and status of the Agora project presenting her [slides](#). The EB and Katharina decided to proceed with the organization of the event. To do this, the first priorities are:

- Katharina Müller will contact Günther Dissertori and see with him his idea on how to continue.
- Contact the Bern Einstein Museum to check their interest and availability. MW will introduce Katharina to a curator in the museum. MW will help in the initial discussion with the museum. AS is interested in participating in the organization.
- The feasibility study should be done by CHIPP and it will be surely be led by the museum, that will be willing to set up the exhibition.
- The timeline is to submit an AGORA request in 2022 to have the exhibition possibly in 2023.

On Tuesday 13 March there will be a Press Conference about LHCb results. CERN will send a Press Release and Katharina will send a text to publish on the CHIPP website.

3. CHIPP Board/Plenary Organization

AB reports about the visit she had together with MW to the Hotel Seaside in Spiez. The hotel offers many possibilities as conference rooms, has a vast capacity for rooms for the night, and is organized to keep the safety distance between participants both in the conference room and in the restaurant. A buffet will be organized for the two lunches, and a barbeque outside for dinner.

The Young Scientists are organizing their event in parallel; they will prepare a poster session while we have the CHIPP Board on Thursday; on Friday afternoon they would like to organize a session where the representatives (professors) from each institute present their activities and facilities. They would also like to have a session of Questions & Answers where they could address questions to the senior physicists both on future research programs and on perspectives for young scientists.

On Friday we have the formal plenary meeting between 9h and 10h30, with elections and the report about the Board decisions. The EB will propose the representatives from several committees (ACCU, APPEC, CERN Council, CHIPP Computing, ECFA, ECT*, EPPCN, IPPOG, NuPECC, CHIPP Outreach) prepare a summary slide for the CHIPP Chair to present, and a more detailed document is very welcome, to be available on the Plenary website.

AS and GI offer to be the organizers of the scientific sessions of the Plenary meeting; they will propose a timetable to the EB. The idea is to plan a session on Thursday of two hours dedicated to flavor physics and a discussion, and on Friday morning, after the formal meeting, we could have another session of scientific presentations. During the Young Scientists session, we can propose the Young Scientists give 5-minute presentations like "flash talks" and then we can discuss, in order to have more details with them directly during the poster session.

4. **Roadmap 2020**

AB, Steven Schramm (University of Geneva) and Laura Franconi (University Bern) are working with Marc Türler (SCNAT) on the final corrections.

5. **Flare Tables & M&O**

No results about the FLARE requests have been made public yet.

6. **CERN fellowship**

CERN has sent the folder with the documents regarding the applicants for the CERN fellowship that the EB should grade. The deadline is the 30 March 2021.

C. Items for information

11. CHIPP Function & Task nominations

The EB discusses the potential candidates as EB vice-chairs; the EB nominates some Board members; RW will start to contact them to verify their availability.

12. FCC-ee workshops

For the moment there is no new information about the organization of the Workshops.

13. Status of recent & future meetings

10-11 June 2021
CHIPP Board/Plenary
31-3 Septembre 2021
SPS/OPG. Joint Annual Meeting (Innsbruck) 2021

14. Other news   [All]