

Minutes of the Board meeting 2019-03 on 17 October 2019

Time of the meeting: Thursday, 17 October 2019 from 13:15 to 16:15

Place of the meeting: SCNAT, Bern

1. Welcome and agenda

Tatsuya Nakada, the CHIPP chair, welcomes the board members, the board honorary members and the observers at the board. A particular welcome to Marc Türler from the SCNAT, Valentina Gallo from the SNSF and Kevin Reymond from SERI. The agenda is approved.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

2. Apologies and Proxy votes

Board members with voting rights (as of 15 October 2019): 64

Present: Beck, Braccini, Canelli, Chepochnikov, Colangelo, Dissertori, Golling, Grab, Isidori, Kilminster, Kirch, Nakada (Chair), Rivkin, Schneider, Sfyrla, Sanchez Nieto, Wallny (video conference), Wu.

Other participants: Benelli (Admin.), Blondel (Prof. em), K. Reymond (Obs. SERI), Seidel (PSI), Schopper (SPS), Türler (Obs. SCNAT), Gallo (Obs. SNSF)

Apologies: L. Baudis, B. Krusche, T. Montaruli, M. Weber, B. Kotlinski, A. Signer

The Chair details the proxy votes announced before the meeting¹.

Quorum: 21 votes (= 1/3 of the Board members; Art. 24.1 Statutes); Votes present: 18 presents + 3 proxies + 1 vote (email) = 22 → The quorum is reached.

3. Minutes of the last meeting (2019-02 [July 2019]): → [minutes](#)

The Chair asks for comments concerning the minutes of the previous meeting (the corrections from G. Dissertori were included), the Chair invites the Board to approve them. The minutes are approved and will be published on the [CHIPP](#) website.

DECISION ITEMS

4. CHIPP activities and Budget 2020

Tatsuya introduces the planned activities and budget for the year 2020. As in the past, CHIPP has a list of planned operation in the following themes: science, communication and outreach, funding and association. The presented budget has a planned expense of 145 KCHF covered by the income of 80 KCHF from membership fees, 20 KCHF of support for the EPPCN from SERI and CERN, and hopefully around 34.5 KCHF of support from the SCNAT. This last support will be confirmed at the MAP meeting in November. The main

¹ Klaus Kirch (for *Malte Hildebrandt*), Ben Kilminster (for *Bodhan Kotlinski*), Olivier Schneider (for *Lesya Shchutka*), Laura Baudis voted via e-mail.

activities for this year will be the PhD Zuoz School, the MLHEP 2020 School, the Swiss RoadMap Workshop during summer 2019. CHIPP will continue its engagement on the SCNAT web portal, publishing news, articles and events of interest for the physics community thanks to the collaboration with the journalist Benedikt Vogel. His remuneration together with the IPPOG membership should be covered in part by a SCNAT grant. A deficit of around 11 KCHF is foreseen. This can be taken by the estimated start of year assets of ~40 KCHF. In the future CHIPP will have to revise the membership fees for its members since its assets are decreasing and they will eventually reach a problematic level in some years. It's important that the Institute Membership fees cover the minimum for CHIPP operations: Angela's salary, the CHIPP Prize, the SCNAT Membership fee and the cost of the administration offered by the SCNAT. For the moment, the EB proposes to keep the same membership fees as in the past, 110 CHF for individuals and 5600 CHF for each institute, apart from Basel that has a reduced fee of 1000 CHF.

The Board unanimously:

Approves the CHIPP activities for 2020,

Approves the CHIPP budget 2020 as resulting from the activities, and

Approves the 2020 membership fees for individual members and for institutions.

EB → Contact CERN (M. Steinacher) to inquire if CERN could pay the Institute and Membership Fees to CHIPP.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

5. Updates on the European Strategy in Particle Physics

The European Strategy Secretariat produced an internal document for the country delegations in order to prepare the Strategy Group discussion on different scenario for the scientific programme in January 2020. TN has shared with the EB a preliminary version. CHIPP has already answered to many of the questions contained in the questionnaire. It seems that not every country was so clear in the statements contained in the document submitted as their input to the Strategy, leading to the questionnaire ask for comments on several possible scenarios. The Chairman go through the questions indicating if the Swiss community has already answered in its Input to the Strategy in December. The Board discusses the several scenarios presented.

The Board agrees that the Swiss Strategy input prepared in December 2018 already answers directly to most of the questions in the list, the remaining are outside the Swiss interest.

TN will compile the document following the discussion and opinions of the Board and circulate the document for comments.

6. Astroparticle Physics International Forum (APIF)

TN reports about APIF since Maurice Bourquin couldn't be present today.

APIF is an international information exchange body of funding agencies for astroparticle physics. Switzerland was originally represented by SERI who appointed Maurice Bourquin to be the person in charge. SERI asked the SCNAT to take over the responsibility for it, and the SCNAT passed the request to MAP. Since the main issue is funding the travels involved in the APIF activities, MAP (and Round Table International) asked CHIPP whether CHIPP thinks it is important to continue sending the Swiss delegate to the APIF meeting. If we recommend positively, MAP might consider partial funding, but CHIPP would have to complement. Maurice presented the case at the last EB meeting the 7 October, and CHIPP needs to take a decision about it soon. Tatsuya Nakada will ask Maurice Bourquin to be present at the next Board meeting to discuss the issue again.

The Board asks the CHIPP Astroparticle community to show their interest in Switzerland continuing to be represented in APIF and produce a "case" like it was done for NuPECC and ECT* in the past. The Board will discuss it further.

7. APPEC Report

Xin Wu reports about APPEC showing his [slides](#).

At the GA meeting in May 2019, APPEC agreed that the current distributed model of Functional Centers is not sustainable and that a stronger APPEC is needed, to achieve this goal the GA proposes a new central-office model, with at least 4 FTEs. As APPEC member, CHIPP is asked to discuss the proposal and report to the APPEC Chair and vice-Chair.

The CHIPP Board requires that the Professors from the CHIPP Astroparticle community express their opinion on these matters in a written document that the Board will vote at the next meeting.

Afterward, Xin Wu will submit the result of the vote to the SNSF with, eventually, the financial request to support the APPEC “sustainable” [project](#).

INFORMATION ITEMS

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

No new positions open.

9. SPS/OPG joint annual meeting 2020 at the University of Fribourg

Andreas Schopper reports on the SPS decision to have next Annual meeting the week of 29 June-3 July 2020 in Fribourg. CHIPP and SPS have the joint meeting every second year, the SPS has as well the joint meeting with the Austrian Society every second year, holding the meeting in Austria every 4 years.

Next year, in 2020 CHIPP and the SPS will organise the event together, CHIPP will hold the Board and Plenary meeting the first day, on Monday 29 June.

The Board discusses on having a joint meeting SPS/CHIPP every year, except the year that the meeting is held in Austria, so that the CHIPP organises the full SPS/CHIPP meeting together, not only the TASK session. In practice, CHIPP members will have every year the reduced fees for the Annual meeting and CHIPP will participate in the organisation of the Plenary talks. One possibility could be to have the CHIPP Board and formal Plenary meetings every year at the SPS Annual meeting. This would increase both the participation of PhD students/postdoc to the CHIPP Plenary meeting and the Professors' to the SPS TASK session where the students present their work. CHIPP could also keep the scientific Plenary meeting format with longer review talks once every two years or so. Even if the participation of students were limited this year in Kandersteg the atmosphere was very good, it allowed a lot of informal scientific discussions and it's important to keep also this type of meeting to allow for networking between CHIPP members. Tatsuya proposes to ask the CHIPP members, especially the young one, about their interest to keep the Scientific Plenary meeting every two years. No decision is taken at the moment.

In the Board meeting in Kandersteg the possibility to organise a Round Table discussion around the output of the European Strategy Update in Particle Physics was discussed. HansPeter Beck, as president of the SPS, adds that SPS would like to involve CHIPP on the organisation of the Round Table during the 2020 Annual meeting, especially on the way to address the European Strategy Update. The goal of the discussion is to inform physicists from different fields about the outcome of the Strategy Update. CHIPP should confirm soon to the SPS its involvement in the organisation.

HansPeter Beck announces that Tatsuya Nakada has been awarded the Enrico Fermi Prize for 2019. The Board has a round of applause.

A.O.B.

Rainer Wallny and the whole Board thanks Tatsuya Nakada for his commitment and valuable work as CHIPP Chair.