Minutes
of the Seventy-Second Meeting of the
Nuclear Physics European Collaboration Committee (NuPECC)
held in Budapest on October 7 and 8, 2011

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2. Apologies for Absence

Gheorghe Cata-Danil, Philippe Chomaz, Ana Maria Eiró, Jens Jørgen Gaardhøje, Sotirios Harissopulos, Tord Johansson, Paul Nolan, Thomas Peitzmann, Christelle Roy, Piet Van Duppen and Jean-Claude Worms (ESF) could not attend. The Chair of ALAFNA, Alinka Lepine-Szily (Sao Paulo) was invited, but could not come.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the seventy-first meeting held in Prague on June 17 and 18, 2011, are agreed upon with the following changes: under point 5, line 17, “in Washington” has to be replaced by “at MIT in Boston” and under point 6, last sentence, “until after the situation with ESF has become clearer” has to be replaced by “until the next meeting”. For the version to go on the NuPECC Website, the result of the election in point 9 has to be deleted.

4. Matters Arising

Muhsin Harakeh reports on the change in rules for the selection board of the ERC. Each member is now only asked every second year to referee proposals, so there will be no representative of nuclear physics present next year. Each NuPECC Member is asked to provide Günther Rosner with a list of three names ranked in order to write a letter with propositions to the relevant person who will be pointed out to him by Muhsin Harakeh.

5. Chairman’s Business

The Chair welcomes the new member for Croatia, Đuro Miljanić as well as the guests Carlo Guaraldo, Muhsin Harakeh and Sydney Galès.

Since the last meeting, the Chair attended on behalf of NuPECC:

- the meeting of the ESF Governing Council in Lisbon on June 22 and 23, 2011. A search committee was set up for the election of a new president; Ian Halliday’s term ends this year. The CEO will step down end of 2011, thus a search committee had to be set up for her successor as well.

- the meeting of the ESF Review Panel for Expert Boards and Committees in Frankfurt on June 27, 2011, together with Gabriele-Elisabeth Körner, to be interviewed. The self-assessment of NuPECC was submitted before and can be found in the Members’ Area on the NuPECC Website. The Panel Members for nuclear physics Shoji Nagamiya, Dan-Olof Riska and John Simpson were very supportive.

- the meeting of WG.9 of IUPAP at MIT in Boston on July 24, 2011 and presented NuPECC and FAIR. A meeting with science ministers and funding agency
representatives such as 2010 in Vancouver is envisaged to be held at RIKEN on August 17, 2012.

- the meeting of the adhoc committee to discuss the structure of scientific committees in ScienceEurope in Brussels on July 29, 2011; Günther Rosner acts as speaker for the expert boards. Their work was highly appreciated, but the vertical structure of the Expert Boards and Committees (EBCs) in addition to the horizontal structure of the standing committees is not included so far.

- the meeting of the EBCs’ Chairs in London on September 29, 2011. Jean-Paul Swings was elected as new speaker. A declaration concerning the position of EBCs in ScienceEurope is formulated and submitted to the ESF General Assembly. It was sent to all NuPECC Members.

- the meeting of the ESF Governing Council in London on September 30, 2011. The NuPECC Status Report was approved. Pär Omling (Sweden) will be proposed to the ESF General Assembly as new ESF President, Martin Hynes (Ireland) as new CEO. Angela Bracco will attend the next meeting of ANPhA in Hanoi on November 24, 2011.

Concerning the missing information from CERN on the process of the preparation of a particle physics strategy for Europe, Angela Bracco will contact Sergio Bertolucci, Günther Rosner will contact Rolf Heuer.

6. NuPECC Membership

The decision on the renewal of the Membership of Sweden is due within the next few weeks. The discussions with Slovenia, Slovakia and Russia will be carried forward by the new chair.

After thorough discussion, NuPECC decides to welcome the application for membership of truly international facilities located in a NuPECC member country with their main focus on nuclear physics research and recognized by ESFRI. In order to avoid a possible conflict of interest the discussion is chaired by Angela Bracco and Günther Rosner leaves the room.

7. NuPECC Activities

7.1. ESF

The new organisation ScienceEurope will be officially founded in Berlin on October 20, 2011. President and Vice-presidents will be elected; one of the vice-presidents will be the proposed new president of ESF, Pär Omling. ESF activities will continue until 2015; the new President and CEO will work on a managed transition from ESF to ScienceEurope.

7.2. NuPECC Budget

Details on the budget will be given at the next NuPECC Meeting.
7.3. Nuclear Physics News

Maria José Garcia Borge thanks the NuPECC Members for their suggestions and encourages them to continue their input.

A note should be sent to the NuPECC mailing list advertising on-line access and the possibility to receive a printed copy.

Tullio Bressani and Hans Ströher leave the Editorial Board by the end of the year; Eugenio Nappi will succeed Tullio Bressani, a successor for Hans Ströher will be nominated at the next NuPECC Meeting. Nominations (in particular self-nominations!) are encouraged for the next NuPECC meeting.

The next meeting of the Editorial Board will be held on October 8, 2011, right after the NuPECC Meeting.

7.4. PANS

The application for a session on “Art & Science” at the next EuroScience Open Forum ESOF2012, which will be held in Dublin on July 11-15, 2012 – see presentation by Sotiris Harissopulos on the NuPECC Website – was accepted and invited to be resubmitted for a final decision.

Paul Nolan submitted the refurbished text for NUPEX as Word-documents. Until the next meeting the text will be transformed into a website, but in parallel already be read by the NuPECC members as it is for further discussion e.g. on possible translations for which Jochen Wambach (German), Sotirios Harissopulos (Greek), Paul Nolan (English), Christelle Roy (French), Angela Bracco (Italian), György Wolf (Hungarian), Adam Maj (Polish) and Piet Van Duppen (Dutch) were envisaged.

7.5. ECT*

Achim Richter reports on ongoing activities of ECT*; his presentation can be found on the NuPECC Website.

NuPECC unanimously approves the nomination of Piet Mulders (Amsterdam) as new member of the Scientific Board succeeding Mauro Anselmino. Due to the short time span, this is done under the condition that he will accept the nomination.


The list of facilities that had been sent out before the meeting was approved with the addition of facilities included in CHARISMA. The questionnaires will now be sent out asking for response by November 2, 2011. The information gathered can then be fed into the MERIL project of ESF.

8. Additional Activities

8.1. EPS/NPB

Zsolt Fülöp reports on ongoing activities of the Nuclear Physics Board; his presentation can be found on the NuPECC Website.
Günther Rosner thanks Maria Borge for her work as NuPECC Observer to NPB, György Wolf is nominated as her successor.

8.2. Update on FP7
8.2.1. HadronPhysics 2 & 3
Carlo Guaraldo reports on the activities of HadronPhysics 2 & 3; his presentation can be found on the NuPECC Website.

8.2.2. ENSAR
Muhsin Harakeh reports on the activities of ENSAR; his presentation can be found on the NuPECC Website.

8.2.3. NuPNET
Sydney Galès reports on the activities of NuPNET; his presentation can be found on the NuPECC Website.

8.3. Progress Construction
8.3.1. SPIRAL2
Sydney Galès reports on the progress of Spiral2; his presentation can be found on the NuPECC Website.

8.3.2. FAIR
Günther Rosner gave a thorough report on FAIR at the last meeting. In the meantime the building permits have been signed. A Tier0 centre for FAIR will be built within the next two years for 19 M€ as well as a building for the FAIR collaboration for 11 M€.

8.4. NSAC
Susan Seestrom reports on the activities of NSAC; her presentation can be found on the NuPECC Website.

8.5. ANPhA
The next meeting of ANPhA will be held on November 22, 2011, in Hanoi. The Korean project KoRIA was approved and the site determined. The Association of Asian Pacific Physics Societies AAPPs elected Shoji Nagamiya as new Chair. He plans to introduce a division system similar to EPS. AAPPs and EPS are organising an Asian-European Summit (ASEPS) in Wroclaw on October 26-29, 2011. Adam Maj will represent NuPECC there.
11. AoB

NuPECC takes back the enlargement of the PANS Board to three members; Faiçal Azaiez steps back. The PANS Board is encouraged to organise a meeting shortly.

Any information on events related to the Rutherford centennial should be sent to György Wolf to be included in the website prepared by NPB.

NuPECC Members are asked to read the new files for NUPEX for discussion at the next meeting.

12. Next meetings

Please note that the next meetings of NuPECC will be held on

- March 9 and 10, 2012, in Milano
- June 15 and 16, 2012, in Copenhagen and
- October 5 and 6, 2012, in Sevilla.

München, October 24, 2011

(Gabriele - Elisabeth Körner)