

Board Meeting – SFS section, Elementary and Astroparticle Physics 2022-02-09 , 10:00-12:00

Present: Elin Bergeås Kuutman (UU), Sandhya Choubey (KTH), Gabriele Ferretti (Chalmers), Chad Finley (SU), Rikkert Frederix (LU), Sten Hellman (SU), Erin O'Sullivan (UU)

Apologies: David Silvermyr (LU)

Agenda:

1) Election of justeringsperson

Erin O'Sullivan was elected.

2) Approval of last minutes

Minutes from last meeting not completed; we return to this at the next meeting.

3) Brief news to share

Outreach – Masterclasses, IceCube is planning one, ATLAS not this year, but instead promoting Higgs @ 10 anniversary.

4) Planning for next Spaatind

Spaatind is a long-running Nordic conference, traditionally held in even years, every 8th year is Sweden's turn to organize. And each of these times, by tradition one Swedish site is responsible to organize. In 2014 it was Uppsala. 2022 couldn't take place because of the pandemic. Result of the poll last fall was strong preference to try again for 2023 January. This would make it Stockholm's turn.

The board supports Stockholm to take the lead in organizing the upcoming Spaatind. Sten and Chad will contact locals to form an organizing committee, and contact counterparts in the Nordic countries to be involved in main decisions (dates, venue, invited speakers).

5) Scheduling Partikeldagarna at Fysikdagarna, Lund, Wed.-Fri. June 15-17

The current Fysikdagarna schedule has two built-in parallel sessions that can be used by the section: Wed. afternoon and Fri. morning. Normally Partikeldagarna is 4 sessions over two whole days. Having some talks in the evening poster session and having plenary talks on Thursday will release some time, nevertheless we foresee the need for one more session to cover science talks "political" talks. We will request an additional parallel session for Wed. morning.

Local organization of Partikeldagarna will be guided by Rikkert and David (nominated in absentia), who will announce the dates to the mailing list.

6) Participation in Fysikdagarna, plenary speaker suggestion

As Fysikdagarna organizing chair, Peter Christiansen has indicated that the theme this year is highlighting Swedish accelerator-based science e.g. MAX IV, ESS, FAIR, CERN. At the ELPA outreach meeting last week, it was noted that the upcoming Higgs @ 10 celebration of the 10th anniversary of the Higgs discovery, is planned at CERN for 4th of July. As the date is bad for outreach efforts in Sweden, ELPA's idea is to already celebrate

this at Fysikdagarna. The board will suggest speakers for the requested CERN plenary talk with this in mind. Peter also noted there would possibly be a second plenary slot that we could suggest speakers for. If this is available, the board may suggest astroparticle speakers on the topic of Nature's accelerators in space.

7) Any Other Business

The letter sent to VR last year regarding the funding shortfall for project grants in respect to the funding for infrastructures was received but with only minimal response. The section needs to engage VR further on this matter. Going forward the political session at Partikeldagarna is probably not a good forum, more informal settings are needed. The board members will discuss locally at their institutions for input on alternatives and next steps.

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Chad Finley, Chair

Justerat av Erin O'Sullivan