

*Connected:* Richard Brenner, Paula Eerola, Gabriele Ferretti, Klas Hultqvist, Leif Lönnblad, Mark Pearce and Konstantin Zarembo.

*Apologies:* Bo Sundborg.

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### **Formalities**

The agenda was approved by all present.

Mark and Paula were appointed secretary and *justerare* for the meeting, respectively.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved by those present.

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### **VR Report on National Facilities**

Richard summarised the recent VR report on the future of national facilities, in particular with reference to the suggested closure of the MSL and TSL labs. He also reported that SFS do not plan to react to this and the nuclear and atomic physics boards were debating the situation. The MSL and TSL laboratories are in the process of negotiating with VR.

It was decided to draft a letter which will be sent to VR. Richard agreed to write the draft. The main points of the letter will be:

- Concern over the loss of considerable accelerator knowledge in Sweden.
- The need for a national accelerator centre as a replacement. This should be defined as soon as possible. The Board support this initiative.
- Sweden would have a diminished role in next generation accelerator developments within the EU's 6<sup>th</sup> Framework.
- The use to Swedish test beam facilities for the testing and irradiation of particle and astroparticle instrumentation. These tests will need to be performed overseas if the Swedish facilities are closed. This will require additional funding from VR.
- Particle and nuclear physicists from MSL and TSL are likely to redirect their research towards international facilities. This will require increased resources for subatomic physics from VR.

More details on the VR report can be found at  
[http://www.vr.se/naturteknik/index.asp?id=34&dok\\_id=2850](http://www.vr.se/naturteknik/index.asp?id=34&dok_id=2850)

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### **Partikeldagarna 2003 in Stockholm**

The next Partikeldagarna will take place in Stockholm at SCFAB. It will be organized jointly by the two Stockholm groups and Mark and Klas will take responsibility for local arrangements. Preliminary dates are 27 – 28 March 2003. Board members should check these dates within their groups. Richard agreed to contact the other

groups. The structure of the meeting will be defined during the next board meeting and it was suggested that the old 'group reports' structure should be reinstated this time. Board members were asked to canvas their groups in order to locate an exciting invited speaker.

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#### **The Web Pages of the Section**

Klas brought up the issue of the Board's web pages. At present, only Sten Hellman (in his role as past-chairman) can update the pages. Richard will make contact with Sten to see if this can be changed. Ideally, the pages should be moved to a server where any board member can make changes.

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#### **ICFA Seminar Held at CERN 8/10 – 11/10**

Richard reported on the recent ICFA seminar. The work of the major laboratories in both particle physics and astroparticle physics was reviewed. There appeared to be a consensus for post-LHC collaboration leading to a possible Linear Collider in 2015. More details can be found at: <http://dsu.web.cern.ch/dsu/of/icfasource.html>.

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#### **Next meeting.**

It was agreed that the board would meet by telephone on 16<sup>th</sup> December at 1000.

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#### **A.O.B.**

Leif presented a report of the group's finances. The Partikeldagarna in Lund ran a deficit of about 5000 SEK due to unforeseen VAT costs. This can easily be absorbed by the Board's account.

*Minutes compiled by:*

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