

Svenska Fysikersamfundet
Sektionen för elementarpartikel- och astropartikelfysik
Styrelsen

Protocol from the board meeting, May 21, 2008.

Present: Jan Conrad, Carlos de los Heros, Anders Oskarsson,
Torbjörn Sjöstrand, Oxana Smirnova and Niclas Wyllard

Absent: Stephen Hwang, David Milstead, Maxim Zabzine

1. Today's agenda was approved

2. The minutes from the meetings March 31 and April 15 2008 were approved after the following corrections to the April 15 protocol.

-The date in the headline should be changed from March 31 to April 15.

- paragraph 3 should be: Alan Watson, Leeds was discussed as candidate for the astro-particle physics talk. Another could be Christian Spiering, Zeuthen. This talk is likely to fit into the ALBA nova colloquium series. Some more discussion is needed to settle on a speaker in Particle Physics

-Homework for "Partikeldagarna":

Find a PF-physics speaker. Responsibility of PF-members of the board

Find speaker in astro-particle physics. Responsibility of the specialist members of the board

Announce Dates (organizers)

Budget & application to SFS. (organizers, Torbjörn and Oxana)

Coordinate with Alba Nova Colloquia (organizers)

Paragraph 5: change RECFA to ECFA

3. Torbjörn Sjöstrand was appointed to verify the minutes.

4. Preparations of the particle days 2008, Stockholm 16-17 October.

-The web page has been made available

-Decisions concerning invitation of speakers:

Torbjörn contacts Urs Widemann for a talk on Quark Gluon Plasma. This will be the invitation by the section.

The astroparticle physics talk will be arranged in the Alba Nova Colloquium series. The following potential speakers should be contacted in the given order of priority.

Spiering - priority 1

Raffelt - priority 2

Smirnov - priority 3

-Budget: The auditorium will cost 6500Sek for 2 days. Together with costs for invited speaker and other foreseen costs one estimates a conference fee at 550SEK per participant if we reach 60 paying participants. Only a minor part of the cost scales with the number of participants. The dinner cost was discussed. A first estimate of 600 SEK per person was considered to be too high. More investigations are needed.

-Nordita, as a new organization in Sweden with activity in the science covered by the section, has through its director expressed interest to participate in the particle days.

5. Oxana reported from the RECFA meeting in Uppsala on May 9. The committee members were impressed by the Swedish activities. In particular, the way to organize the resources for the LHC participation by the LHC consortium was considered to be an interesting model. The PhD student from Uppsala had expressed her satisfaction with the transparent and understandable and fair way that PhD positions are announced and filled.

The committee had expressed concerns about the low number of post doc positions. The written report, with recommendations to the minister of research will become available. When and how this happens was unknown at the moment. Hopefully our RECFA delegate should be able to report on the recommendations during the particle days.

6. Other business. The decision to appoint an ECFA delegate from Uppsala was postponed to the next meeting.

7. Next meeting will be on June 9, 10.00

Lund, June 2, 2008

Anders Oskarsson, sekr.

Oxana Smirnova, ordf.

Justeras:

Torbjörn Sjöstrand