

Membership Committee report

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Committee

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Mandate (proto governance)

- New institutions wishing to join the Detector Collaboration should contact the Chair of the Proto-Council Membership Office that will direct the applicants to the Technical Coordinators for negotiating possible commitments that the new institutions may consider to take in the Detector Collaboration. Once this step is successfully carried out, the Membership Office will then collect information on the contributions that the new institution is willing to provide to the project and register the institutions with its PI and members. The Proto-Council will ratify new inclusion at the first opportunity.

Relevant text in proposed constitution

- The Collaboration Council will appoint a Membership Committee, which will make recommendations to the Council regarding membership issues, including the admission of new Institutions. Ratification of such recommendations requires a two-thirds majority vote of the Council. The Membership Committee will also review special cases concerning the membership qualifications of any individual, including situations where potential conflicts of interest may exist.

- New Institutions, or new groups from within a Collaborating Institution, who wish to join the Collaboration should submit a proposal to the Spokesperson, who will present it to the Membership Committee of the Collaboration Council for consideration. The Membership Committee will assist the new group in negotiating possible terms of entry and will eventually report its recommendations at a Council meeting after the group has given a presentation about the composition, experience, proposed contribution to the experiment and current other commitments.
- The Council will subsequently vote on the applicants proposal and a qualified majority will be required to endorse it.

Comments

- Note that the membership committee deals with institutions that wish to join SuperB. Individuals at SuperB institutions can join the experiment at the discretion of the institutional PI.
 - although an individual cannot become an author without fulfilling the specified service requirement.
- We will continue to operate under the proto-governance rules until a spokesperson is in place.

Activities

- Membership committee was formed at the December collaboration meeting, and started considering cases in February.
- Have had contact with groups in Poland, Spain, Mexico, China, and the Ukraine.
- Also discussing web tools, web pages, and procedures.
 - In particular, the “How to join” web page needs to be updated to reflect the new governance.

Poland

- Two institutions added to the database:
 - Cracow University of Technology (CUT) PI: Bogdan Szybinski
 - Academic Computer Center (CYFRONET)
PI: Tadeusz Szymocha
- These joined the existing two Polish institutions, Institute of Nuclear Physics PAN (INP PAN) and University of Science and Technology (AGH).
- They are working on the IFR and on computing.
- Tadeusz Lesiak, PI of the Polish group, will give a presentation at the Elba council meeting. Council does not need to ratify; they were working on SuperB prior to the implementation of the membership rules.

Spain — Valencia

- We have registered one Spanish institution:
University of Valencia
PI: Fernando Martinez Vidal
- Some fraction of three faculty, one PhD staff, one PhD student, plus technical support.
- Working on the SVT: analog FEE; microstrip detectors; software.
- Full report, plus presentation by Fernando, at Elba.
- Council will be asked to ratify membership at that time.

Spain — Barcelona

- Barcelona has been added as an associate institution. They are providing technical support to Valencia, but do not have any PhD physicists who wish to pursue SuperB membership at this time. They may seek full membership at some point.
- We just created the concept of an associate institution at our last meeting.
- All personnel at associate institutions are associate members.

Mexico

- Pedro Podesta of the University of Sinaloa, is here this week for discussions with the IFR group on possible contributions to the project.
- He is the PI of a SuperB grant request from six universities that has been submitted to the Mexican government.
- They will wait to hear the outcome of this request (June) before proceeding with a formal membership application.
 - at least some of the six universities could not participate unless they get funded.

China

- The Chinese group (Graduate University of Chinese Academy of Science) is not pursuing membership at this time.

Ukraine

- Kiev Institute for Nuclear Research
- The budget of the Ukrainian Academy of Sciences has cut 22% this year. The Kiev group no longer feels they have the resources to collaborate on SuperB.