

Minutes of the Collaboration Board Meeting of July 22, 2021, hold on-line.

Present: Carlos Azevedo (Aveiro), Jan Bernauer (Stony Brook), Andrea Bressan (Trieste), Michela Chiosso (Torino), Shudda Dasgupta (Calcutta), Oleg Denisov (INFN Torino), Aleksei Dziuba (PNPI), Miroslav Finger (Prague), Horst Fischer (Freiburg), Jan Friedrich (TUM), Alexey Guskov (JINR Dbna), Takahiro Iwata (Yamagata), Dustin Keller (Virginia), Bernhard Ketzer (HISKP Bonn), Robert Kurjata (Warsaw University), Valery Lyubovitskij (Tomsk), Hrachya Marukyan (ANSL Yerivan), Daniele Panzieri (East Pedmont University), Catarina Quintans (LIP Lisbon), Paul Reimer (ANL), Andrzej Sandacz (NCNR Warsaw), Paolo Zuccon (Trento)

Present Ex-Officio Maria Quaresma (Physics Coordinator)

Guests: Bakur Parsamyan (COMPASS SP), Fulvio Tessarotto (COMPASS SP), Gerhard Mallot (COMPASS resource coordinator), Nicole d'Hose (Observer Saclay, for Damien Neyret)

Apologies: Vincent Andrieux, Barbara Badelek, Stefano Levorato, Jechiel Lichtenstadt, Eva-Maria Kabuss and Oleg Kiselev

Agenda:

1. Welcome, Attendance and Apologies
 2. Approval of Agenda
 3. AMBER status before MoU
 4. MoU
 5. Finances
 6. AoB
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1. **Welcome, Attendance and Apologies:**

The indicio page for the presentations is available here.

2. **Approval of Agenda:**

The Agenda was approved.

3. **AMBER status before MoU:**

Oleg presented the outcome of the discussion with the CERN management on the possible installation of new institutions at CERN before the signature of the Memorandum of Understanding. The good news is that this doesn't require the signature of 'Mini MoUs', but can follow standard procedures. The full procedure is outlined in this administrative document. Oleg slides summarized the important steps that need to be fulfilled.

During the discussion, the need to start reviewing the funding of the collaboration and the approval of the MoU was also addressed. According to the decision by CERN DRC Joachim Mnich we will have an AMBER FRC meeting later this year, in late October or November.

4. **MoU**

The status of the MoU was presented by Andrea, underlining the missing information that are expected from CB Members and Group Leaders in order to fill up the tables in the annexes. The main discussion that has followed was focused on the expected Funding Agencies signatures to the MoU. Germany, Poland and Japan Funding Agencies will most probably not sign the MoU, even in the case of funding the Collaboration. Members of AMBER from these, and eventually other, Countries will request instructions their Funding Agencies and communicate to the MoU DC the required changes.

5. **Finances:**

Jan presented the Report on Finances of the Collaboration and the financial plan for 2022. The present and future spending for the 2021 PR Pilot run, as well as for the 2022 run were detailed and discussed, in preparation for the FRC.

6. **AoB:**

Three AoB were communicated;

- Jan emphasize the article on the emergence of mass by C. Roberts, written for the STRONG 2020 NewsLetter, to underline the significance of such actions to support the measurement.
- Oleg informed the CB about the interest of a new group from the Cordoba University to join the AMBER Collaboration and about the main interests of this group.
- Oleg and Jan also informed about the SP initiative to call for Software Meetings in order to progress with the needed software developments, while continuing to look for a Software Coordinator.