

Reports from LCB / Tokyo meetings etc. (Joachim)

- LCB on 7 April: specifically preparation of Tokyo meeting of Wednesday, 22 April.
- MEXT Committee to give vote next spring: making progress, but not yet fully there.
 - Two working groups (expert committee): Science case and TDR evaluation
 - LCB opinion: checkmark on physics case
 - TDR evaluation: not yet finished.
 - one aspect for future consideration: human resources - potentially new committee to be formed, and in parallel company (Noumura?) to visit labs worldwide and find out about situation and commitment.
 - First Noumura report on economical impact of HEP and accelerators delivered to MEXT (150-200 pages in Japanese); preliminary conclusions: positive!
 - Final MEXT report expected 1 February 2016
- ==> main conclusion: progress - MEXT takes it seriously.
- next LCB phone conference probably next week (4-8 May); learn more about feedback in Japan onto Tokyo event.

Questions and discussion:

- “TDR evaluation not yet there” - what exactly does that mean?
Answer: Probably means nothing - they still have time to deliver. But new human resources WG might be an indication of open questions.
- Noumura should also evaluate international contributions - any conclusions on that?
Answer: No, not yet - Japanese colleagues will have to look at Noumura report (150-200 pages) in more detail.
- Feeling during discussion: MEXT probably not decisive; final decision is to prime minister who might take MEXT recommendation only as indication!

Report from PAC (LAL, 13/14 April - Karsten Buesser)

- Lyn Evans: On machine side, resources so low that if nothing substantial comes from Japan in few months then suggest to close down ILC efforts by the end of the year.
- Comment Joachim Mnich: We clearly need more resources to keep ILC efforts alive; but we should avoid putting up sharp deadlines – that might prove counterproductive!
- Work on machine / detectors: amazing that still results come out, considering the resources
- Resources: SiD strongly asked for help from PAC - need more resources!