

Minutes of WP-meeting 320

Attendance:

DESY: Ralf Diener, Oliver Schäfer

Vidyo: Yumi Aoki, Paul Colas, Ulrich Einhaus, Keisuke Fujii, Qi Huirong, Jochen Kaminski, Ron Settles, Jan Timmermans, Maxim Titov, Keita Yumino

General News:

Keisuke said, that the Science Council of Japan announced the Master Plan 2020. For this a short statement was sent to ILD members by Juan Fuster:

“The Science Council of Japan has announced the ‘Master Plan 2020’ on large academic facilities (<http://www.scj.go.jp/ja/info/kohyo/pdf/kohyo-24-t286-1.pdf> : in Japanese). Even though the ILC did not go into the final short list, it was selected as one of the projects that went to the hearing stage indicating that the scientific merit of the ILC was recognized by the committee.

This allows the ILC project to move to the next phase. For the political side, we trust that the Japanese government, including the MEXT minister, will take appropriate actions shortly. We will keep you updated.”

In total there were 147 projects on the long list. Of these 59 made it to the hearing stage and 16 were selected for the short list. In total 31 projects were in the short list with 15 others that were automatically selected without hearing according to the rule that projects that had been on the short list of the last two, but not last three or more Master Plans, are to be automatically selected. Of the remaining 16 projects 6 are physics related, but all of these are basically regarding operation and/or extension/upgrade of existing facilities such as JPARC, SuperKEKB, ALMA, Subaru, or KAGRA. (1 from material science is about a high magnetic field facility). Also HyperK did not make it to the short list.

According to Keisuke this outcome is the second best that could happen. It clearly states the scientific merits of the ILC project and it is important that it was mentioned, it also reached the hearing stage. Now, the academic process is over, but SCJ is not a decision making body. MEXT will have to take the political decisions and will certainly consult the SCJ, but it will make its own review of the projects. ILC is in a different category than the other projects, since it is much more expensive and can not be financed through the superscience budget, but needs an additional funding line and also depends on the international negotiations.

Maxim takes over as European member of the speakers bureau from Serguei. In this context it was again reminded, that we should give more talks in the name of LCTPC. To save resources, one could for example give a presentation on LCTPC, if one also submits a presentation on a different or closely related detector project.

It was also discussed, that the talks should be documented on a web page. One possibility is the LCTPC home page. Ralf also suggested to link a confluence web page, where everyone with a DESY account could have access and record and presentations on LCTPC relevant presentations.

PCMAG/LP setup, test beam:

Ralf: PCMAG/TRACI/test beam area:

- The final preparations for the next test beam block is taking place: The electrical safety will be checked this week, clean up will take place next week and in parallel everything (like

telescopes etc.) will be tested.

News from the groups:

Paul announced that Jerome Shoshi has arrived from India and will start with his thesis. As a first step he will study the spreading of charge by the RC foils.

Paul also suggested, that we prepare an LCTPC note with all the details of the cost estimate, so that the effort is well documented and numbers can be easier updated next time, or could continuously be improved.

AOB:

The next workpackage meeting will take place on February 13th.