

Dear colleagues,

it is time to for another “European ILC community” meeting!

When we met in June, we got through most of the agenda for the day, but did not have enough time to discuss the physics and detector activities and our view of future priorities in that area. In particular the organisation of the Higgs factory physics and detector support at CERN was discussed and several questions asked. The mandate for the so-called “Development Team” and its approval in ICFA were “imminent” at that time, but had not happened.

It was suggested to meet when these points were more resolved, potentially in July. As of today, there are still several uncertainties, but quite some progress has been made over the summer, so it would be useful to take stock of where we are:

- The mandate of the “International Development Team” (IDT) was finally approved on 2.8: https://icfa.fnal.gov/wp-content/uploads/ICFA_release_of_ILC_IDT_Proposal.pdf
- The members of the team took longer to become public, but there is now an ICFA link dated 20.8 with the team: https://icfa.fnal.gov/wp-content/uploads/ICFA_IDT_Structure.pdf
- The IDT has started to meet weekly:
 - The WG1 discussions have started among the IDT members, and the organisation and composition of WG1 longer term are being discussed too.
 - WG2 and WG3 are changing/expanding their scope more towards planning for the pre-lab phase, and additional members are being identified and enrolled. Many discussions have taken place concerning this (ongoing) process and several of you are involved.
- The Americas LCWS is announced for 19-22 October 2020 (<https://conf.slac.stanford.edu/awlc2020/>), and its focus will be on pre-lab activities and also on the US planning, given the Snowmass process in progress. It is not yet clear when the next LCWS will take place in 2021 but it is possible that it will be in Europe (but most likely all remote).

We had hoped that the situation and organisation of CERN’s Higgs factory activities would be clearer - as we discussed. In the Plenary ECFA meeting in July, ECFA chair Jorgen D’Hondt touched on ECFA’s role ([from page 10 onwards: link](#)).

Since it is impossible to find a time suiting all we suggest two identical meetings:

- First Thursday 17.9 at 10:00-11:30.
- Second Wednesday 23.9 at 10:00-11:30.

Feel free to join either one - it should be unnecessary to join both. We will prepare an INDICO page with a zoom link and summarise in bullet form the main points discussed.

We also suggest to introduce a monthly information meeting. For the next months, we would like to suggest three dates:

- Wednesday 4.11 10:00-12:00,
- Wednesday 9.12 10:00-12:00,
- Wednesday 13.1 10:00-12:00.

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Best regards, Thomas and Steinar