

Board Meeting – SFS section, Elementary and Astroparticle Physics 2023-11-09 , 11:00-12:00

Present: Elin Bergeås Kuutmann (UU), Sandhya Choubey (KTH), Gabriele Ferretti (Chalmers), Chad Finley (SU), Rikkert Frederix (LU), Sten Hellman (SU), David Silvermyr (LU)

Apologies: Erin O'Sullivan (UU)

Agenda:

1) Election of justeringsperson

Sandhya was elected.

2) Approval of last minutes

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

3) Brief news to share

4) ECFA, IPPOG, and ACCU Nominations

ECFA -- Since the last meeting the Board decided *per capsulam* to nominate Rebeca Gonzalez Suarez (UU) and Bernhard Meirose (LU/SU) as ECFA delegates, and asked Arnaud Ferrari (RECFA) to inform the ECFA chair in time for their endorsement by ECFA in November.

IPPOG -- The Board agreed to appoint Christian Ohm (KTH) as Sweden's representative to IPPOG, replacing Jonas Strandberg who is stepping down. (There is no fixed mandate period for this position).

A related issue, that of funding the IPPOG annual membership fee (ca. €3000), was further discussed. It is not only a problem of sharing the cost among the different universities, but also that it can be difficult to pay such membership fees from research grants. A previous proposal, to add to the Partikeldagarna registration fee, was discussed again. This would distribute the cost in a fair way between the institutions, but would add an estimated 400-700 kr to the registration fee depending on number of registrants, which might be seen as excessive.

ACCU -- The Board agreed to re-nominate Rebeca Gonzalez Suarez (UU) as Sweden's delegate to ACCU for the next two-year mandate, 2023-24.

5) Upcoming election for next ELPA Board

Olga Botner and Peter Christiansen as valberedning have proposed a slate of candidates for the new Board. Chad will arrange for the election to take place electronically at the end of November.

6) Planning for Partikeldagarna 2024

The Board discussed the preliminary planning for the next Partikeldagarna, to be hosted by UU, and the preference for a Fall date. Further planning will be taken up by the new Board.