

# minutes of the SFS particle and astroparticle physics section online meeting on

2024-01-22

Present: Rebeca González Suárez, Chad Finley, Gabriele Ferretti, Malin Sjö Dahl, David Silvermyr and Carlos Pérez de los Heros

Agenda:

- i) Welcome
- ii) Partikeldagarna 2024
- iii) Financing Swedish representation in international bodies

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ii) Partikeldagarna 2024: Carlos circulated a [google doc](#) to start brainstorming about possible dates for PD2024 and external invited speakers. Everyone is welcome to add dates of conferences or meetings that might represent a conflict with PD. Specially big collaborations should mark their meetings.

The issue of how to fund external speakers was raised. Usually done through the registration fee. It was suggested that external speakers could be invited also to give a seminar in Uppsala and/or Stockholm and then part of the travel could be co-funded.

iii) Financing Swedish representation: Carlos brought up the issue of financing the travel expenses of Swedish representatives to the different international bodies we are members in ((R)ECFA, IPPOG...etc). This is currently done at the individual level and it would be desirable that is more centralized. Chad points out that IPPOG requires an annual contribution fee, which has been problematic in the past. Ideally funding could come from VR or a partnership of the four large universities. Any other suggestion is welcome. Local societies or stiftelser were mentioned as a possibility. We could also ask the astronomy and nuclear physics sections how they deal with this and eventually join forces to contact VR. Rebeca asks whether trips to the CERN Council are paid by VR and if something similar could be arranged for the other bodies.