

Summary of the meeting in partikelsektionen Wednesday February 22 from 10:30-12:00

Present: Yvonne Becherini, Mattias Blennow, Peter Christiansen, Arnaud Ferrari, Chad Finley, Roman Pasechnik (for the last part), Christoffer Petersson, Sara Strandberg.

Not present: none.

The agenda can be found here:

<https://indico.lucas.lu.se/event/621/>

1. Election of justeringsperson

Mattias was elected as justeringsperson.

2. Approval of minutes from the last meeting

<http://indico.hep.lu.se//conferenceDisplay.py?confId=1667>

Minutes were approved.

3. Substitution for Peter to the SFS meeting 3/2-2017, kl. 10.30-16:00 at KVA in Stockholm

As Joakim Edsjö will anyway go present his work in IUPAP C4, it was decided to ask him to represent partikelsektionen and report back any relevant news.

Follow up: Peter has contacted him, he has agreed to represent us, and SFS has been informed.

4. Update for webpage (due 15/2)

The news item will be that Lene Bryngemark (LU) won the ATLAS thesis award 2016 and that Giulia Ripellino (KTH) won an ATLAS PhD Grant. Sara and Peter will prepare the new item and send it to SFS.

Update: Peter asked Torsten Åkesson (Lene's former supervisor) to prepare the news item with Sara and he agreed.

5. Swedish representatives (replacement for Richard Brenner)

It was decided that we should ask on the mailing list for nominations to replace Richard. Peter will first contact Richard and ask him if there are specific considerations to take into account and then he will send an email to the lists. Nominations should be sent to Peter. Based on the nominations, a ranking for the next RECFA representative will be decided at the next board meeting and candidates will be offered the mandate in that order.

In general, there was a wish that Swedish representatives are elected for shorter periods (2-4 years) to get more rotation. It was decided to try to organize a meeting in the near future with all the representatives and have a standard procedure as outlined above for nominating candidates.

6. Evaluation of partikeldagarna together with fysikdagarna

On the negative side, the meeting felt too compact and the Ph.D. student activities, though a good idea, were not properly organized.

On the positive side, we got the opportunity to present our research to a large crowd of Swedish physicists and the plenary talks were excellent.

There was no clear consensus if it would make sense to have the partikeldagarna meeting in 2019 together with the next general SFS meeting (fysikdagarna) in Linköping. That will be a decision for the next board :-)

7. Particledays 2017

Will be organized in Stockholm and Sara and Chad volunteered to identify local organizers and to fix a date not in conflict with any other meeting (ALICE, ATLAS, IceCube, etc.). This date should then be announced on the mailing list.

Please inform Sara and Chad about meeting dates in the fall ASAP.

8. Should we do something about VR funding? Follow up on the discussion in Göteborg

We went through the presentation prepared by the section at the last particle days, which summarized the questionnaire for the members of the section. After the following discussion, it was decided that indeed we should summarize these findings and send them to Curie as input from the section.

The two strongest points are that fraction that the University funds of permanent positions should be larger (ideally 100%) and that each application should receive a proper referee report. One clearly also has to state that the fraction of VR project-grant applications that obtain funding is so low that one jeopardizes expertise and infrastructure build up for the long term projects Sweden are involved in.

Peter will prepare a summary in English. After converging on a final version in the section, the current plan is that a Swedish version will be prepared and submitted to Curie.

9. Any Other Business

No topics.

It was decided to have the next meeting in the 2nd half of April.

Lund, February 23, 2017

Peter Christiansen, Chair

Justerat av Mattias Blennow