

Summary of the meeting in partikelsektionen Friday June 19 from 11:00-12:00

Present: Yvonne Becherini, Mattias Blennow, Peter Christiansen, Arnaud Ferrari, Chad Finley, Roman Pasechnik, Christoffer Petersson, Sara Strandberg.

Not present: none.

The agenda can be found here:

<https://indico.lucas.lu.se/event/683/>

1. Election of justeringsperson

Sara was elected as justeringsperson.

2. Approval of minutes from the last meeting

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

Minutes were approved.

3. Swedish representatives follow up

Peter gave a short account of the nomination/election process. There was a short discussion about pros and cons of mid-term nominations. Yvonne pointed out that she thinks it is important to understand in what way Swedish representative actually represents the interests of Swedish groups and she thought statements could help with this. As a step in this direction, it was agreed to officially invite all Swedish representatives to the Particledays to give a short summary of their activity and to have a discussion about the procedure for nominations. This discussion should be planned so that it becomes general and constructive.

4. Particledays 2017

Will be organized in Stockholm and the tentative dates are Monday-Tuesday (November 6-7) in the week November 6-10 (as Peter cannot make it November 10). Chad and Sara will make sure that this does not conflict with big meetings in groups not well represented in the section. The budget should be around 500 SEK (meeting) + 500 SEK (dinner). There will be 2 invited talks. For the first talk the idea was to have a prominent local speaker: Frank Wilczek, Katherine Freese, or Hiranya Peiris (in that order). For the 2nd talk, please send suggestions to Chad and Sara. One option was a talk related to the approved GREAT (Gravitational Radiation and Electromagnetic Astrophysical Transients) project. For the timetable the idea was to have 3 half day sessions: political + 1 invited, groups + 1 invited, and individual talks. Some work should be done to ensure that all groups are made aware of the group abstracts and to ensure that they do not blow up timewise.

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

Peter gave a short summary of his work and the issues raised by Sara and Roman. After some discussion, where Yvonne stressed the need for action, it was decided that Sara and Roman will prepare a modified draft the next two weeks. Sara will reshuffle the text to make it clearer what issues are general and which are particular to our field. Roman will ensure that the issues of theoreticians are specifically included.

6. Any Other Business

No topics.

It was decided to have the next meeting end of June if there was a need for it for the Curie article or the work on partikeldagarna was so advanced that detailed program discussions could take place.

Otherwise the next meeting would be end of August.

Lund, May 19, 2017
Peter Christiansen, Chair

Justerat av Sara Strandberg