

ICFA Neutrino Panel Phone Meeting #8; 03Jun14; 12:30 BST

Present: D. Duchesneau, S. Geer, S.B. Kim, T. Kobayashi, K. Long, M. Maltoni, N. Mondal, M. Shiozawa, J. Sobczyk, H. Tanaka, M. Wascko, G. Zeller

Apologies: J. Cao, R. Funchal, A. de Gouvea, M. Mezzetto

Notes:

1. Discussion of Panel position with respect to summit proposed by FNAL: All

- KL summarized the request he had received from N. Lockyer:
 - In response to the P5 recommendation to internationalise and re-align the LBNE activity (re-named LBNF), FNAL seeks to hold a “summit” at which the international neutrino community can come together to develop a consensual specification for the most attractive facility that could be offered with FNAL as source. It is proposed that the summit be held in July 2014. The urgency appears to arise from interest at “Secretary level” in the long-baseline programme in the US generated through the Snowmass and P5 processes. N. Lockyer had asked KL, as ICFA Neutrino Panel chair, whether he would be willing to co-chair the proposed summit. Before accepting, KL wanted to discuss with the Panel as it is important that the Panel continues to work by consensus.
- A detailed discussion of the strengths and weaknesses of the proposed summit ensued and the possible role of the Panel.
- There was consensus that the Panel should be involved in the organisation of the summit and that therefore KL should accept.
- Concern was expressed over the precipitant nature of the invitation, the apparently ill-defined nature of the desired attendees, the absence of a formal “charge” and the need to ensure that the Panel’s independence was not compromised.
- It was noted that the Panel must be active to balance representation at the summit and to promote appropriate events in the other regions to ensure full discussion of issues that have been, or will be, raised.
- It was noted that the desire to consult the international community in the definition of the project and in the development of concepts for governance etc. was very positive and should be welcomed.
- ***It was agreed*** that KL should accept the invitation to co-chair the summit and comment that the Panel welcome’s the initiative to open such a discussion with the international community.

2. Organisation of Paris meeting:

- We discussed arrangements for the Paris meeting, the following **was agreed**:
 1. A list of funding-agency and laboratory directors attending the meeting would be compiled; and
 2. Each Panel member would identify questions that should be addressed to the funding-agency and laboratory directors. KL would collate the list and distribute via the Panel's DropBox.

The following were planning to come to the Paris meeting:

- KL, SBK, SG, NM, JS, DD, JC, HT, TK, MS, MW.

Timetable for our meeting during the Paris meeting:

- We will meet to discuss how to proceed before the sessions start on the morning of the 24Jun14. DD will organize a room;
- The Panel's meeting will take place on the afternoon of the 24Jun14 (DD has arranged a room);
- We will consider at our early-morning meeting whether to seek to meet with funding-agency and laboratory directors individually or together.

3. AoB

Status of actions:

- **KL**: produce revised draft of the initial report;
Done.
- **KL**: produce Doodle poll for next meeting.
Done.
- **KL** will circulate draft slides for his Neutrino 2014 talk asap.
Done.
- **KL** will email S. Katsenevas to explain Panel's plans for organizing itself at the Paris meeting and to initiate a discussion of how best advance the discussions at Paris.