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Astroparticle Physics European Coordination

between European Funding Agencies:

France, Germany, Italy, United Kingdom, The Netherlands,
Spain, Greece, Belgium, Portugal

Observers: CERN, ESA, ESO

Goals

de promouvoir et de faciliter la coopération et la collaboration au sein de la communauté croissante des physiciens européens en astroparticules,
de **développer et de promulguer des stratégies à long terme au niveau européen en astroparticules**, en conseillant les agences de moyens ou les institutions telles l'ESF (Fondation européenne de la science) ou la Commission européenne,
d'améliorer les liens et la coordination entre la physique européenne des astroparticules et les programmes scientifiques d'organisations telles que le CERN, l'ESA (Agence spatiale européenne) et l'ESO (Observatoire européen austral),
d'exprimer leur vision collective de la physique des astroparticules dans des forums internationaux appropriés comme l'Union européenne, l'OCDE, l'UNESCO...



Steering Committee: two members per FA; present chair
Roberto Petronzio

Peer Review Committee: present chair Riccardo Barbieri

Open + closed sessions

ILIAS FP6 proposal - a great success, it raised 7,5 MEuros EU support for the coming 5 years; but only a partial success

Design Studies!

ApPEC website: appec.in2p3.fr



Dear Colleagues,

during a discussion of the ApPEC Steering Committee on the result of the **ILIAS** application it has emerged that some aspects of the proposal have been cut by the referees under the pressure of the overall budget constraints of the FP6 envelope.

It has therefore been decided to encourage those who want to pursue their activities along the lines expressed in the ILIAS proposal to prepare an update of the proposal extending at most over a couple of years in view of further applications to the subsequent calls of the FP6. Such proposals will be evaluated by the ApPEC Peer Review Committee.

In case of a positive evaluation, their submission to the national agencies represented in ApPEC, will be supported by ApPEC by a specific, strong recommendation.

The proposals should be submitted by December to the ApPEC Steering Committee (e-mail: ApPEC@roma2.infn.it)

Yours Sincerely,
Roberto Petronzio



Dear colleagues,

the March deadline for the **design studies proposals within the FP6** is approaching.

At its last meeting, the ApPEC Steering Committee (SC) has discussed how to proceed to an evaluation of those proposals that seek ApPEC support. The following steps are envisaged:

On **November 25** there

will be a one-day workshop in **Munich** where specific proposals will be presented and a document will be submitted to the Peer Review Committee (PRC) for a preliminary evaluation. The SC will then select the groups that will be encouraged to submit a more definitive document to be evaluated at the **PRC meeting at the end of January 2004**.

The analysis of these proposals may lead to a further decision process in the SC.

The documents and the presentations of the November meeting should concern projects with definite ideas, milestones and feasibility plans and a size worth a European effort. In order to plan such a meeting, those interested are invited to submit a brief letter of intent (one page is sufficient) by the end of October to the Steering Committee (E-mail address: ApPEC@roma2.infn.it) Further information on the details of the meeting will be communicated in due time.

Yours Sincerely,
Roberto Petronzio

Personal Opinion:

The development, construction and exploitation of a future Very Large Volume neutrino Telescope in the Northern Hemisphere should maximally profit from the coordination possible through ApPEC and through it obtain the necessary support from the associated Funding Agencies and from the EU

Make the current NH telescopes a success (Antares, Nestor), as well as current R&D projects (Nemo); in parallel start a design study (hopefully with FP6 support!) and 'converge' on an ambitious future project, a Very Large Volume neutrino Telescope in the Northern Hemisphere, complementary to/ competitive with/ better than IceCube!