

## Dear Neutrino Physicist,

In July 2006 CERN Council, in a special session in Lisbon, approved a document outlining a future 'European Strategy for Particle Physics'. This included as one of the main recommendations

*'Studies of the scientific case for future neutrino facilities and the R&D into associated technologies are required to be in a position to define the optimal neutrino programme based on the information available in around 2012; Council will play an active role in promoting a coordinated European participation in a global neutrino programme.'*

To promote this goal a 3-day workshop 'European Strategy for Future Neutrino Physics' is planned for Oct 1-3 at CERN. The basic aims of the workshop are attached to this letter. The workshop will briefly cover the current experimental and theoretical situation but the emphasis will be on the steps which now need to be taken to ensure that European physicists will be in a position to make leading contributions to precision measurements of neutrino properties which can be expected around 2020. These experiments will necessitate substantial steps in both size and complexity requiring a coordinated R&D programme and it is now urgent that a strategy is devised in Europe to meet these challenges irrespective of the location of the final facilities and detectors.

The format of the workshop will consist of invited talks to present the situation and possibilities, but with 30% of the time reserved for discussions. Strong community participation is essential if an effective strategy is to be achieved, which can command the resources required. We do hope you will be able to attend the workshop and we also urge you to encourage as many as possible of your colleagues.

There will be a poster session, for which we particularly encourage younger members of the community to contribute.

A yellow report will be produced from the workshop, including written versions of the plenary talks, a transcript of the discussions and a 3 page contribution for each poster presented.

It is our view that although resources for new developments in the neutrino area are going to be difficult to acquire over the next few years the scientific goals achievable in the neutrino sector are great. A coordinated approach will undoubtedly help to release resources and ensure that the European neutrino community can thrive and make an increasing impact. This workshop is an initial effort to bring about that coordination.

We hope you will strongly support it.

Yours

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