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WP2 mission and objectives

Mission:

- Create an innovation-based community for particle accelerators, and outreach to public

Objectives:

- Develop a communication strategy for particle accelerators
- Set up a Challenge-Based Innovation (CBI) scheme
- Launch an Industrial Training scheme associated with Knowledge Transfer (KT)

WP2 organisation

Task 2.1: Management

UOXF, CERN, CNRS, UU

Task 2.2: Communications & Outreach

CERN, GSI

Task 2.3: Challenge Based Innovation

CNRS, CERN, UOXF, ESI

Task 2.4: Industrial Training with Knowledge Transfer

UU, CEA, CERN, CIEMAT, CNRS, DESY, INFN

Summary of activities in P1

- Defined a communication strategy, including a social media strategy and a network of communication contacts:

Project website for public dissemination: ifast-project.eu

Quarterly newsletter of the accelerator community: *Accelerating News*
(<https://acceleratingnews.eu/>)

Beneficiaries' communication channels: websites, newsletters, social media (#IFASTProjectEU), press offices

- Provided communication tools (web site, SharePoint site), dissemination (Zenodo platform), and outreach tools (web site, Accelerating News), both internal and external, required to address the project's goals.



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Building SMA18 (near SM18), a storage area for either test magnets for the HL-LHC or spare magnets for the LHC. (Image: CERN)

Innovation Fostering in Accelerator Science and Technology (I.F.A.S.T)

Particle accelerators currently face critical challenges related to the size and performance of future facilities for fundamental research, to the increasing demands coming from accelerators for applied science, and to the growing applications in medicine and industry.

I.F.A.S.T aims to enhance innovation in the particle accelerator community, mapping out and facilitating the development of breakthrough technologies common to multiple

Issue 37

August 2021

Welcome to Issue #37 of Accelerating News!

This rather full summer issue of the newsletter brings you the latest developments in superconductivity and magnets for the different projects ongoing at CERN, news from different particle accelerator facilities and European projects, reports from the events of the past months, and a feature on the transfer of technology from CERN to medical applications.

EASITrain and QUACO — two projects co-funded by the European Commission for the development of technologies aimed at the Future Circular Collider and High-Luminosity LHC, respectively — bring us new developments on superconducting materials. Internationally, the Uppsala University is upgrading its FREIA Laboratory to test superconducting magnets and crab cavities for the HL-LHC. Developments for wakefield accelerators and linacs also feature in this issue with two scientific updates on innovative techniques.

Other European projects' updates are varied. They include the new ways of training early-career researchers established by AVA, the prospective EuPRAXIA plasma-based accelerator included in a strategic roadmap for Research Infrastructures, the I.FAST efforts in implementing additive manufacturing technologies within the project and its knowledge transfer efforts in the collaboration between laboratories and industry. Also on the topic of knowledge transfer, CLEAR demonstrates how very high-energy electron beams can be focused onto deep-seated cancerous tumours.

An interview with Lucio Rossi, former coordinator of the HL-LHC project, on a recent initiative from INFN highlights some of the ways the accelerator community collaborates.

In this issue, we also announce the CERN Accelerator School 2021 (25 September - 8 October 2021) and report on the ninth edition of MeVArc (8-12 March 2021), the Heavy Ion Therapy Masterclass School (17-21 May 2021) and the FCC Week 2021 (28 June - 2 July 2021), the latter of which includes a report on the Collider Diaries, focusing on the lives of five scientists.

Finally, some internal news: after two years as editor-in-chief of Accelerating News, I have moved on to a new position at CERN. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the newsletter's editorial team and editorial board for their incredible support, and to all the projects' teams who contribute to the newsletter with their groundbreaking developments. I could not have asked for a better way to learn about the activities of this very dynamic community. A new editor-in-chief will be announced in the next issue.

I hope you enjoy the next issue and wish you (for one final time) a happy reading!

Daniela Antonio, Editor-in-Chief



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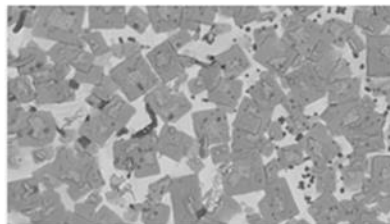
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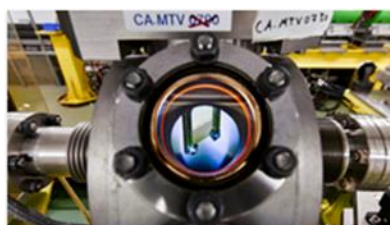
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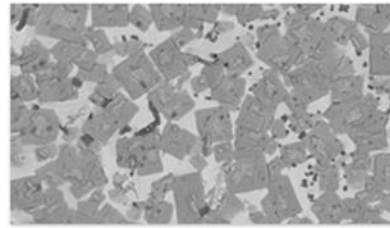
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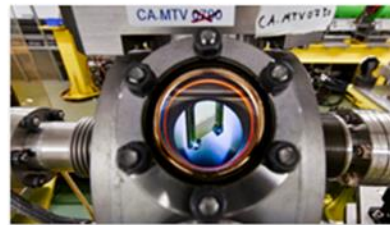
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- Organised and ran the 1st Challenge-Based Innovation event of I.FAST: selection of topic, call for applications, selection of the 24 participants, definition of the programme, management and coaching during the event, ranking of the selected projects.

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Accelerating solutions for the environment

In the summer of 2022, an EU-backed project challenged students to find novel environmental and societal applications for particle accelerators.



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In what ways can particle accelerators tackle environmental issues? Looking for fresh ideas, the EU-funded I.FAST [project](#) brought together students from all over Europe to explore new solutions.

The 10-day challenge was the first edition of I.FAST's Challenge-Based Innovation (CBI) programme. Held at the European Scientific Institute in Archamps, France, from 26 July to 4 August, it gathered 23 students covering 17 nationalities enrolled in bachelor's and master's programmes with a multitude of academic backgrounds.

Related projects



PROJECT

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Innovation Fostering in Accelerator Science and Technology

31 December 2022

Summary of activities in P1

- Published the call for the Industrial Training scheme associated with Knowledge Transfer and selected the Committee to steer the process and to review applications.
- Demand so far modest (3 applics.)
- Call was extended in scope and re-issued.



I.FAST Period

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6 AUGUST, 2021 | By Tord Ekelöf (Uppsala U.)



I.FAST Traineeship Programme for engineers and technicians at European Industrial Companies to work at an I.FAST European Accelerator Development Laboratories (Image: CERN)

The programme offers the opportunity for an early-career engineer or technician working at a European industrial company to work as trainee at one of the I.FAST [European Accelerator Development Laboratories](#) for a duration of 2 weeks to 3 months. The traineeship should put emphasis on knowledge transfer in the development, design and testing of new advanced technological components for frontline accelerator and magnet research infrastructures.

The programme covers the costs for the duration of the traineeship of:

- Salary
- Travel
- Subsistence

Application process

NEWS CATEGORIES

Particle Accelerators

High-Luminosity LHC

Compact Linear Collider

Future Circular Collider

Communication & Outreach

ARIES

IFAST

EuPRAXIA

EASITrain

Knowledge Transfer



Deliverables and Milestones P1

Task 2.1: Management:

- MS4 (M2): WP2 Task Leaders' Kick-off meeting

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Task 2.2: Communications & Outreach

- D2.1 (M6): Communication strategy
- MS5 (M18): Accelerator Communications and Outreach (ACO) Workshop

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Spring 2023

Task 2.3: Challenge Based Innovation

- MS6 (M12): Definition of CBI scheme: proposed topic and organisation at ESI

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Task 2.4: Industrial Training with Knowledge Transfer

- MS7 (M6): Expert Committee set up and industrial training scheme call

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- 1) engage the network of communication officers from the major institutes of the European accelerator community;
- 2) understand possible communication synergies with industry;
- 3) have a focus on sustainability, and the societal & economic impact of our activities (environment applications)



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Remaining Deliverables and Milestones

Task 2.2: Communications & Outreach

- MS5 (**M18**): Accelerator Communications and Outreach (ACO) Workshop
→ **Spring 2023**

Task 2.3: Challenge Based Innovation

- D2.2 (**M24**): Report on CBI scheme

Task 2.4: Industrial Training with Knowledge Transfer

- D2.3 (**M24**): Report on Training scheme

Relevance of objectives and impact

- Training, communications and outreach remain high-priority activities
- Accelerating News is a high-quality vehicle for dissemination within the accelerator community
- Upcoming Communicators' workshop will help to coordinate and enhance broader dissemination of I.FAST activities + achievements
- Challenge-Based Innovation scheme has been widely publicised and appreciated (see CORDIS article)
- Talk at International Particle Accelerator Conference, May 2023:
'Challenging students into developing accelerator-based innovations to protect the environment'

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Thank you for your attention!



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