Update from the Board

GAMBIT XIV

Who is the GAMBIT Board?

- Current members
  - Publications Manager (Csaba) + Models Convener (Eliel)
  - Flavour Convener (Nazila) + Cosmo/DM Convener (Aaron)
  - **Core Convener (Markus) + Collider Convener (Are)**
  - Returning Officer (Ankit) + Science Coordinator (Peter)
  - Scan Convener (Andrew) + Neutrino Convener (Tomas)

What has the Board been discussing?

- Two meetings in current period: October 24 2022, January 19 2023.
- Main discussions:
  - Selection method for (co-)chair
  - Discussion on a policy on how to deal with external requests for talks
  - Proposal for defence and industry collaboration, returned from previous all-GAMBIT meeting
- Other discussions:
  - What should be the quorum for the board meetings?
    - Might not be really necessary because we only discuss and make no decisions
    - Reasonable number: 50%
  - Relation to ombudspersons:
    - Invite ombudspersons every third board meetings to report about any problems
    - Proposed to happen every board meeting before f2f
    - Now also possible to contact the board anonymously

Selection of board chair & co-chair

- Current rule (instigated by Board): Selection of (Co-)Chair following each f2f is done by cycling through a (randomly pre-generated) list of positions that make up the board
    - Motivation: Keep it democratic and don't create a permanent position of power
    - Example problem: Ankit is leaving :(as returning officer, since his position is next in the list the new returning officer will have an additional duty
    - Among current board members Tomas and Peter have agreed to function as chair and co-chair for the next period

External talk requests (community asked to give talk)

- Nota bene: This is not the same thing as personal invitations!
- Science coordinator and deputy should receive the invitation
  - If not addressed directly to them it should be forwarded
  - We will create a mailing list for this purpose
- Talk oportunies will get promoted via community mailing list and (self-)nominators are encouraged. Science coordinator and deputy decide then who should receive the talk slot.
  - Prioritze junior and early-career scientists
  - Prioritze persons who perform service and administrative tasks, and work on important tasks which do not have direct scientific output
  - Science coordinator and deputy have the last word on choosing the best suited person to give talk (this includes choosing a person which was not nominated in the first place)

Proposed policy changes wrt external collaboration

- Proposal circulated after being announced at February 9 monthly meeting:
  "The GAMBIT software is open-source, licensed under BSD, and freely available and the GAMBIT community has no control over its wider use. GAMBIT Community resources (email lists, software repositories, computer allocations, meeting time, etc.) shall not be used for military or defence applications. GAMBIT Community members should not publicly associate the GAMBIT Community with military or defence applications."
- No commets received, taken as accepted and included in policy.