



## Procedure for M&O A Payments

- requested by Resources Review Board
- follows procedures put in place by ATLAS and CMS



## The Rules ...

1. The sharing of the M&O A budget is based on the number of 'Scientists with PhD or equivalent qualifications' (M&O MoU, CERN-RRB-2002-034).
2. The list of authors qualified to sign ALICE scientific publications is the same as the list of scientists established each year for the sharing of M&O A budget (except for students and some technical staff)
3. Non- or late payment of M&O A contributions will eventually result in the withdrawal of the right to sign scientific papers for the staff of the Institutes concerned.

### Notes:

- Both the ALICE Collaboration Board and the Resources Review Board are informed of any action taken with respect to late or non-payments of M&O A contributions.
- Students are exempt from any withdrawal of the right to sign scientific papers.



# Procedure

- January: M&O A invoices sent, sharing based on the number of 'PhD or equivalent' on Sept 1 of the previous year
- in September:
  - if  $0 < inv_{unpaid} \leq inv_{curr}$ : standard CERN FI reminder
  - if  $inv_{unpaid} > inv_{curr}$ : 'warning letter' to F/A
- in December:
  - if  $0 < inv_{unpaid} \leq inv_{curr}$ : letter to F/A requesting payment plan; to be approved by the ALICE Management Board
  - if  $inv_{unpaid} > inv_{curr}$ : letter to F/A announcing that the right to sign papers will be withdrawn



# Implementation

- The procedure has been approved by the ALICE Collaboration Board on March 17, 2006; effective January 1, 2006.
- A number of institutes would forfeit rights to sign papers at the end of 2006 if outstanding invoices are not paid this year.
- To reduce the impact, transitional measures are implemented:
  - during 2006: outstanding amounts for 2002 - 2005 will not be taken into account;
  - during 2007: only half of the outstanding amounts for 2002 - 2005 will be taken into account.