
RECFA representative report

— Particle Physics division meeting —

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ECFA terminology

- European Committee for Future Accelerators <https://ecfa.web.cern.ch/>
 - Plenary ECFA
 - **decides** on all ECFA activities, **appoints** the Chairperson and Secretary, **approves** the final reports of the working groups and terminates their activities, decides on admission of new participating countries and observers, and makes recommendations to outside organizations.
 - appoints members for a total maximum period of six years after nomination by their country
 - [meets](#) usually twice per year
 - Restricted ECFA (RECFA)
 - composed of one member per country, appointed for at most two three-year periods
 - **assists and advises** the Chair and the Secretary in the current running of ECFA, and acts as the **communication channel** to each participating country, its physics community and national institutes and authorities
 - meets during country visits and separately when needed.

ECFA terms of reference - Aims:

- <https://ecfa.web.cern.ch/ecfa-terms-reference>:
 - **Long-range planning** of European high-energy facilities
 - [...] matched to the size of this community and to the resources which can be put at the disposal of high-energy physics by society.
 - Duplication [...] should be avoided and international **collaboration** [...] should be **encouraged** if essential and efficient [...]
 - Equilibrium between [...] international and national **laboratories** and **university** institutes [...], and a close relation between **research and education** in high-energy physics and other fields.
 - Adequate conditions for research and a **just and equitable sharing** of facilities between physicists, irrespective of nationality and origin [...]

RECFA work in practice

- Regular country visits
 - 4 visits/ year resulting to a written report to the main funding agency (e.g. ministry)
 - opportunity to report concerns expressed by the local community
 - visit in Finland in 2017
- Putting together different panels
 - some connected to the European strategy e.g. accelerator and detector R&D roadmaps
 - e+e- Higgs factory efforts
 - Early Career Researchers' panel: see the next report
- ECFA seminars and workshops
 - some by invitation only...
- An email list for the Finnish community would be useful
 - Do we already have one?