General NEWS

Extended Directorate Meeting 19/04

- Pension Fund, new rules proposed for future employees and pensioners, e.g. retirement age 67, lower accrual rate (need >35 years to reach 70%). Needs to be approved by Council. Higher voluntary retirement age (up to 67) for existing staff may come later.
- MTP 2012-2016. New expenditures compared to last year plan: (<u>numbers are integrated</u> over 5 yrs)
 - o ELENA anti proton decelerator 19 MCHF
 - o Consolidation (WC, asbestos, radioactive wastes) 8 MCHF
 - o improvement of CCC (14 MCHF)
 - o additional R&D for HL-LHC machine 17 MCHF
 - diversity office 2 MCHF (manpower)
 - o all these items are essentially funded by the new Romanian contribution

Not included in the MTP

- HL-LHC machine (~ 700 MCHF) and detector (?) construction for the >2021 period
- Test beam area renovation (15MCHF-East H + 45 North H)
- Possible new PS neutrino line+ experiment (> 45 MCHF)
- o UPS renovation, New CERN heating system (50 MCHF)
- New radiation monitoring system RAMSES 10 MCHF

Presentation by Purchasing team A. Unnervik et al.

- Issue of poorly balance member states persists. Reported in an earlier DTCM. Except
 of France and Switzerland, most member states have a return which is much below
 the expected. Please consider, whenever possible to buy products from non-CH/F
 countries.
- Purchasing service is being re-organized (following advice of external consultancy company). Buyers are grouped according to purchasing volumes/procedures rather than activity codes/goods.
- o A new webpage with lots of explanation (FAQ) will be available soon.

MARS

All promotions proposed by PH for A-E, including the 13 (!) proposals for E-to-F (incl. 2 in DT), have been approved. 1 Fb-Fc promotion in DT was approved.

EU projects

- New COFUND project ("COFUND2") (5 M€) will start 1/10/2011. It will allow to "fund a third year" for 38 fellows to be selected in the Nov 2011 and May 2012 meetings.
- COFUND3 (10 M€) still under negotiation but CERN got the highest rank among 70 proposals. Likely to start end 2012, will fund a 3rd year for ~75 fellows to be selected during 4 consecutive committees starting Nov 2012.

- Marie Curie Initial Training Networks (Call 4)
- 919 proposals in total. Overall success rate 9%. 9 CERN coordinated proposals, 3 approved (33%)! In PH:
 - TALENT: ATLAS IBL, H. Pernegger. → 1 position in DT foreseen (contact: Mar Capeans)
 - PICOSEC : fast timing applied to PET, E.Auffray
- Not successful in PH: FOS4HEP (Fibre optical sensors, Paolo Petagna), CUPID (CMS upgrade, Duccio Abbaneo), ARCHITECT (ALICE upgrade), ACEOLE2 (electronics/DAQ development, R. McLaren). EIROnet (coordinated by ESRF, included 5 positions at CERN) wasn't successful, either. Apparently, the integration of companies as full partners is an absolute must.

DT NEWS

Personnel:

- LD job "Electronics/mechanics technician, bondlab & QART lab". Board was this morning. 4 candidates invited after video pre-screening.
- LD job Engineer (Electromechanics, CP D or E) for the Irradiation facilities (anticipated replacement of M. Glaser, partly AIDA funded) is being opened. Job includes also upgrade studies.
- LD job for mechanical engineer published. Will work essentially 100% for ALICE.
- EM1 section was informed on 24 May about Diego Perini's transfer to EN/MME. Antti Onnela will become new section leader. A 'handshake' section meeting will be held still before end of this month.
- Stefan Haider will increase its activity in AEgIS, gradually approaching 100%.
- Roberto Guida will take over from Stefan the responsibility of gas project. Transition plan worked out. Steven Pavis will be in charge of controls (interfacing to EN/ICE team).
- Fellow extensions

	Start date	Months
DAGUIN, Jerome	01-Sep-11	4
DROZD, Adam	01-Oct-11	3
MARTOIU, Victor Sorin	01-Sep-11	4
MAURISSET, Aurelie	01-Jul-11	6
MOLNAR, Levente	01-Jul-11	6
ZWALINSKI, Lukasz Krzysztof	01-Oct-11	3

- 1 new request couldn't be satisfied because candidate and reserve didn't qualify / were already taken.