

LCG Generator Services monthly meeting, 6 February 2008

# LCG Generator Services: News

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# News

- Starting from **1st February**, I am taking over the coordination of the project from Witold Pokorski.

*We thank him for the excellent results and wish him all the best for his new job at IT/DM!*

- For the rest, the Generator Service project will remain unchanged:
  - The same **Russian team** of Genser integrators;
  - The same structure: **GENSER, HepMC, MCDB**;
  - **Planning meetings** twice per year;
  - **Monthly meetings**.

# Generator Services monthly meeting

- A technical meeting roughly once per month (on Wednesday at 16:30 CET), dedicated to one main topic, e.g., [MadGraph](#) today.
- Next meeting, on [5th March](#), will be devoted to [HepMC](#). We will discuss not only some technical issues that have emerged in the past weeks, but also a proposal to improve the future releases of HepMC.
- At the end of each meeting, there will be a open discussion in which all GENSER users, in particular the LHC experiments, can report related news, issues, and requests.

# ATLAS offline software release schedule

- Release 14.0.0 : expected by end of February.
- Release 15.0.0 : expected by end of May  
(alternative is to keep updating release 14.0.x).

The next (and the last before the real data) massive MC production (expected to start at the beginning of April) will use production version of release 14 .

# Desy MC group

- ❑ A new MC Event Generator group has been setup at DESY, lead by [Hannes Jung](#).
- ❑ We, LCG Generator Services, plan to collaborate and work together with the Desy MC group, in particular in the area of [testing](#), [validation](#) and [tuning](#) of generators, hopefully providing a better services to the LHC experimental community.
- ❑ Discussions and plans are ongoing, and you will hear more details in the next future.