Housing Fund Committee

• Met on December 12th, 2002
• Previous meeting was in March 2001
• ACCU representative was not present at either meeting (last meeting with ACCU representation was in February 1999)
• This summary therefore presented by Users’ Office representative
Main points

– Modems
– Industrial services contract
– Occupancy rates
– ACCU requests
– Financial situation
– Price indexation
– St. Genis hostel

• Transport
• Alternative accommodation
HFC

• Modems
  – Connections via modem possible in Building 39

• Industrial services contract
  – Not running as well as could be expected
  – A meeting will take place with the management of the contracting firm
Occupancy rates

- Building 38 – 72%
- Building 39 – 76%
- St. Genis hostel – 76%
- Apartments – 91%
ACCU requests

• Allow booking > 2 months in advance
  – Note that the modification rate for bookings is already high at 40%

• Establish a waiting list

• In both cases, the answer was NO
  – Increased workload -> increased cost
Measures taken to improve room availability

• School groups
  – Length of stay strictly limited to the period of the visit
• Stop usage of Hostel by Users supposedly resident in the region
Financial situation

• At end 2001, debt was reduced to MCHF 4.5 (was MCHF 5.9 at end 2000)
• Only provisional 2002 figures were available at the meeting, the end of year figures show the same performance as for 2001
## Price indexation

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Price Indexation (2)

• A partial application of the price index (average 4%) was applied to Hostel rates as of March 1\textsuperscript{st}
• Applied also to apartments
• Housing Fund debt to CERN should be repaid by end 2005
  ➢ If fully justified, a project for a 3\textsuperscript{rd} on-site hostel could be envisaged after this
St. Genis Hostel

• After complaints by Summer Students
  ➢ Removal of car wrecks, replacement of access doors, reinforcement of access control
  ➢ Control of ventilations systems
  ➢ supply of new stock of bed-linen to be kept separate from the rest of the hostel
  ➢ replacement of faulty refrigerators in the collective kitchens, more frequent cleaning
St. Genis Hostel (2)

- Project to install cabins including toilet, shower and washbasin in 20 of the 80 rooms
- Cost will be covered by a reasonable increase in room rates (€ 2 per night)
- Note that rates increased 13% during 1996-2002
Transport

• Various documents were produced to facilitate the use of public transport between the various small towns in the 'Pays de Gex' on the Y bus-route and CERN by CERN personnel, in particular Users who stay in hotels in nearby France
Alternative accommodation

• In France
  – St. Genis-Pouilly: Suites Home, a new 'résidence hôtelière', consisting of studios, one and two-bedroomed apartments for a total of 106 units, each available for any length of stay from one night to as long as is required.

• In Switzerland
  – a new Ibis hotel has opened just next to the airport
  – Another new hotel is under construction between the ex Jumbo, now Carrefour store, and the ICC Mövenpick airport hotel. It will be part of the Holiday Inn group, called Express, a similar category to Ibis