

The Spirit counts - People at and around CERN

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Abstract

After a few biographical remarks I shall concentrate on human aspects which are not covered by official documents, but which are as important to the success of CERN as scientific and technical competence. The approval of LEP, general problems of the project management and the approval of the LEP experiments under conditions never encountered before at CERN will be covered. The special spirit created at CERN based on the competence and solidarity of the CERN staff and its users made it possible to find new ways of successful international collaboration combining competition with cooperation.

Career Summary

Physics diploma and doctorate from Hamburg University, now Prof. emer.; research assistant at Stockholm Technical University (with Lise Meitner); Cavendish Laboratory UK (with O.R.Frisch); Cornell University (with R.R. Wilson); research in optics, nuclear and elementary particle physics. various professorships in Germany and director of university institutes; Director of DESY, Hamburg, 1973-1980; Director-General of CERN, Geneva, 1981-1988; former presidencies: Association of German Research Centres (now Helmholtz Association); German and European Physical Societies; SESAME Council; Chair of Scientific Board of International Basic Science Programme (UNESCO). member of various academies, several academic and other distinctions.

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