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The European Particle Physics Outreach Group

Students

It is important to increase the interest in physics at school and in high energy physics research at universities. Interested students are imperative for a continuation of the ambitious particle physics projects.

Members and target group

EPOG, the European Particle Physics Outreach Group, is a network and forum for outreach activities in particle physics, directed to students and teachers and also to the general public. It is mainly composed of people interested in and dedicated to outreach activities, having other, generally dominating duties like research and teaching.

Financing

The resources dedicated to outreach activities are generally small or non-existent. It is important to find resources to maintain the outreach activities at a professional level. In addition many of the delegates are struggling to get money to travel to the outreach meetings.

• EPOG is a much appreciated forum for outreach activities in the CERN member states. This activity should be maintained.

• Launching new outreach activities will be an important additional activity. These activities will require external financing.

• EPOG is well placed to take part in and coordinate preparations for the 2005 World Year of Physics together with other actors devoted to outreach activities.

• EPOG members will continue to be active in European projects like Physics on Stage. These activities provide good opportunities to reach a large number of European teachers.

• Substantial and continuous financing of outreach activities have been difficult to achieve. Our ambition is to be able to change this working together with other actors.

• We will explore the possibility and interest to include astroparticle physics into our outreach activities.

• We will explore the possibility and interest to incorporate the additional CERN user states in the outreach network.

Mandate of EPOG –
European Particle Physics Outreach Group

STRUCTURE

The European Particle Physics Outreach Group (EPOG) is formed under the joint auspices of the European Committee for Future Accelerators (ECFA) and the High Energy Physics Board of the European Physical Society (HEPP-EPS).

The EPOG will be composed of
- one member nominated by the Particle Physics community of each Member State (normally the responsible for outreach activities in the State concerned);

- one member each from of DESY and CERN, appointed by the managements of those laboratories;

- a Secretary/Manager, to be appointed by CERN

- The Chair and Deputy Chair of EPOG will be appointed by ECFA and HEPP-EPS, on the advice of EPOG. The period of appointment will be 3 years, not normally renewable.

The Chair may choose to invite additional participation to the meetings of EPOG (for example in the field of Astroparticle Physics, or from non-Member States of CERN).

PURPOSE

The EPOG will:

- promote the outreach activities in Particle Physics of the institutes and laboratories of CERN Member States;

- act as a Forum for the exchange of ideas and experience related to outreach activities in CERN Member States.

The EPOG will normally meet at least two times per year.

The EPOG will report on its activities to ECFA and HEPP-EPS on a regular basis.