ATLAS 2016 summer input

ATLAS has paid and runs a full system. An ATLAS specific booking channel and an ATLAS branded interface (with logo & communication channels) will thus stay up and shall be used to serve the collaboration institutes, projects and partners, which are not necessarily the same as CERN.

Having said that, we have experience in ATLAS Visitor Center sharing (AVC) with the Visit Service. Our hardware can be shared with CERN for other activities, based on the same rules: independent manpower, predefined time slots and co-reservations. This agreement was offered to the CERN/ECO responsible in July/August 2016, with the blessing of the ATLAS management.

The main improvements required to proceed are:

- 1. progress on the pending double calendar issue (secretariat versus Visit Service)
- 2. re-discussion of the AVC usage for regular visits, as cohabitation is not easy
- 3. some dedicated CERN operators: 1 to start with, few later, certainly not all guides.

Splitting between requests to CERN and to ATLAS comes naturally through the generic email address to which the booking form is sent. Each of the parties then treats it own, exactly as it is done for regular visit.

Other points of discussion

 Use cases have been discussed over summer 2016 with the various ECO components, and the top priority is to exercise the machinery for high level events:

A conference request has been identified for this early 2017, and we are waiting for confirmation.

The possibility to add a camera in the computing centre and merge this view with the 2
ATLAS cameras was proposed by Melissa G last spring.

IT department could then use our system in the same way as others.

- It should be clear that, although recording is provided and used, the quality of the image is very often very far from what is required for publicity.
- Information on our current setup: https://atlas-outreach.web.cern.ch/virtual-visits-team