



EPL and the CERN Initiative for Open Access

The Board of Directors of EPL, a Letters Journal Exploring the Frontiers of Physics (formerly Europhysics Letters), has discussed the CERN initiative for Open Access in its meeting of 2 and 3 October 2006.

As a journal owned and published by learned societies in Europe, the Board of Directors welcomes any initiative, which is financially sustainable for the long term, cost effective for the research community and provides wide access to the physicists both as authors and readers. The Board of Directors will await further details of the Open Access Sponsoring Meeting at CERN (November 3, 2006) and decision of CERN Council on this important development, before taking a decision on applying to CERN to be included among the Journals sponsored for Open Access.

The Board of Directors of EPL has recently approved a new Publishing Contract — now comprising the European Physical Society, EDP Sciences, the Institute of Physics Publishing and the Società Italiana di Fisica — with the intention to develop EPL into a global journal with a broad coverage of fields and significantly expanded author base and distribution. The ultimate goal is to recover for Europe an appropriate share in the publication of key physics results.

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