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Dear professor Aymar,

SURF warmly welcomes the initiative of CERN in establishing a consortium for Open Access publishing in Particle Physics. Unfortunately, SURF is not able to participate in the meeting of funding organisations on this topic on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of November.

Although SURF is not a research funding organisation, we very much support your initiative and activities for a transition towards Open Access publishing. Your pioneering efforts are of utmost importance to realise a transition to a competitive and affordable future for scholarly communication in a digital era. We are sure that your work will be an example for many others and pave the way for Open Access developments in related areas.

We wish you a very fruitful meeting and are looking forward to a positive outcome.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "b/a W.G.M. Liebrand".

Prof.dr. W.G.M. Liebrand,  
CEO

Cc: Jens Vigen , Director Library Cern