



2nd MEETING **OF THE CYPRUS – CERN COMMITTEE**

MINUTES

DATE / PLACE: 18TH OF DECEMBER 2007 (09:00 – 17:30) / GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

PRESENT: COSTAS PAPANICOLAS (CHAIRMAN)
PHILIPPE BLOCH (CERN)
COSTAS KOUNNAS (ECOLE NORMALE SUPERIEURE)
EMMANUEL TSESMELIS (CERN)
PARIS SPHICAS (UNIVERSITY OF ATHENS)
TINGHERIDES MICHAEL (OBSERVER - RPF)

Summary of the Meeting

The second meeting of the Cyprus – CERN Committee took place at CERN facilities in Geneva on the 18th of December 2007. The meeting focused entirely on deciding the Action Plan for all the decisions that took place during the first meeting of the Cyprus – CERN Committee on the 29th of October 2007 as they are recorded in the minutes. Committee

The meeting started with a prologue by the Chairman of the Committee Mr. Papanicolas who stressed the very supportive role of RPF after the meeting he had with its Director General few days before.

The minutes of the first minutes were approved and it was decided that they will form the Agenda of the second meeting.

1. Reimbursement of the Expenses of the Members of the Committee

Mr Philippe Bloch stated that he did not get the reimbursement for his expenses regarding the First Meeting of the Committee. Mr Tingherides stated that he will contact the Accounting Department of RPF regarding this matter.

2. Research Activity In Cyprus

The Committee agreed that it is very important that Industrial Partners should be encouraged to participate in the Programmes to be announced.

3. Event to Promote the Co-operation Agreements between Cyprus and CERN

Mr Tsesmelis suggested that the promotional event should be similar to a 3-day event which CERN organised in United Arab Emirates in November 2007.

Mr Papanicolas proposed a two day event taking the form of a scientific conference with approximately 4 speakers from CERN, as main speakers, in the fields of Physics, Computing, Applications and Medical Applications in the first day and presentations by local teams in the second day. The Committee decided that at least 6 months of preparation are needed in order for the event to be successful.

Two possible sets of dates were agreed to be explored for the promotional event by the middle of January namely 21-22 of April 2008 and 26-27 of May 2008.

4. Generate Interest for Agreements – Create a Mailing List

Mr Tsesmelis agreed to prepare a letter (in the following weeks) addressed to the Top Level of the Research Department of universities/institutes in order to promote the two Programmes. Mr Papanicolas suggested that RPF should include in its website a tab hosting all relevant CERN – Cyprus documents.

5. Medical Physics

It was agreed by everyone that a possible future cooperation between CERN and Cyprus in the field of Medical Physics will be very beneficial. The Committee decided to come back to this matter in the summer when reporting to Cyprus Government will take place.

Moreover, input for the promotional workshop will be taken into consideration.

6. Monitoring of Funded Projects/ Evaluation of Proposals

The Committee decided that it will provide scientific evaluation, monitoring, and reporting regarding the Programmes and activities mentioned in the signed Protocols. All members also stated that they will not engage into any task of an administrative or accounting nature. These should be the responsibility of RPF or officers assigned by the competent authority (RPF).

Additionally, the Committee agreed to use RPF documents, forms and procedures after appropriate minor modifications are made in order to monitor and evaluate projects and proposals. Mr Tingherides at this point stated that it would be wise if Mr Papanicolas could meet with RPF's Director General Mr.Patzinakos once more in order to reach a final agreement regarding this matter.

7. Participation of Students and High-school Teachers in Training Programme Provided by CERN - Article 2.4 (Collaboration)

(a) Training Programme for Teachers

(b) Participation of Students

(c) Committees to Nominate Participants from Cyprus

The Committee agreed to extend the deadline for applications for these Programmes from January to mid of March 2008 in order to meet the respective deadlines of CERN has for these Programmes.

Moreover, Mr it was decided to name Mr Mario Miltiadous and Mrs Zena Poulli, both officials of the Ministry of Education and Culture of Cyprus, as the two people responsible for the selection of teachers and students which will participate in the **Training Programme for Teachers**.

Two or three teachers will be selected for CERN's International 3 week school which will take place most likely at the last three weeks of July 2008.

In the field of **High Energy Particle Physics** the Cyprus CERN - Committee agreed to nominate Mr. Panos Razis and Mr. Nicolaos Toumbas as the two people responsible for selecting three students for participating in the respective CERN's Summer School Programme.

Additionally the Committee agreed with unanimity to name Mrs. Costantina Alexandrou and Mr. Mario .Dikaiako as the two people responsible for selecting three students for the **Computational Physics and Science School**, which takes place usually in early September.

The coordinator of the three sub-Committees mentioned above will be Mr. Charalampos Panagopoulos in collaboration with Dr. E.Tsesmelis and Mr. P.Bloch

8. Article 6.1 (Personnel)

Mr Tsesmelis clarified on behalf of CERN that Article 6.1 of the Protocol underlines the fact that funding from CERN should also be applicable to nationals from the Republic of Cyprus in order to enable them to participate in CERN's activities. The statement is factually accurate and does not exclude personnel of other nationalities from universities and scientific institutions from the Republic of Cyprus to take part in the collaborations referred to in Article 2.2 of the Protocols.

9. Budget to Cover Administrative Costs

The Committee agreed to examine whether there is a provision for administration resources since the budget in Protocol does not take this into consideration.

10. General Comments about Addendum of the Two Protocols

(i) Mr Papanicolas informed the Committee that the Planning Bureau of Cyprus has nothing to do with the allocation of the budget. The Committee, as he stated, only deals with RPF regarding this matter. He also stated that money should **not** be transferred to UCY (University of Cyprus) until this issue is clarified, and if money is already transferred they should be allotted as payment to CERN.

(ii) Regarding the expiring budget of the two protocols in July 2008 the Committee decided that a letter will be drafted by Mr. Papanicolas and send to Mr Andreas Moleskis (Permanent Secretary of the Planning Bureau) in order to ask his permission for transferring money from one category to another, in order to maximise the effectiveness of the Protocols and the budgets included in the Protocols.

11. Addendum of the High-Energy Particle Physics Programme

The Committee unanimously decided to ask the CMS experimental team to submit a proposal regarding its projects. Moreover, the submission of proposals will be encouraged for a post-doc in phenomenology and/or in CERN related physics.

In addition, the Committee decided to promote short term visiting appointments to Cyprus, in order to promote and enhance Cyprus participation in CERN.

Mr Papanicolas also proposed that RPF's accounting department, in coordination with CERN provides guidelines for the procedure of dispensing money. Unless this is done no money will be allotted.

No money will be granted to researchers prior to the announcement of these guidelines.

12. Addendum of the High Performance Computing and Applications Programme

(a) LHC Computing Grid Project (LCG) - Category 12.2

The Committee agreed to include travel and personnel visits in the above mentioned category as well as any infrastructure bought, as long as it promotes and enhances the collaboration with CERN.

Mr. Papanicolas agreed to send a letter clarifying this matter to Mr Andreas Moleskis (Permanent Secretary of the Planning Bureau).

13. Next Meeting

The members of the Committee agreed that the **third** meeting of the Cyprus – CERN Committee will take the form of be one hour teleconferencing on the **7th of February of 2008** at 10:00 Geneva time. This will be a test meeting in order to assess the effectiveness of teleconferencing.