

STATEMENT OF CANDIDATURE FOR IPPOG COLLABORATION (CO-)CHAIR

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About me

Physics at AUTH (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece)

PhD from AUTH (Baryonium experiment at LEAR)

CERN fellow (OPAL experiment, LEP)

World Lab Fellow (LAA project : MC simulation and detector R&D, L3 experiment)

First Researcher at INFN Bologna, (ALICE experiment – ToF project; EEE project)

Outreach activities

ALICE outreach coordinator since 2009 / IPPOG representative

Masterclasses Steering Committee, Speakers Committee

ALICE Masterclasses (international/standalone, students/teachers)

BL4S contact/preselection

Public talks, talks in schools

CERN coordination of EEE project

Convenor of Outreach sessions in International Conferences

About IPPOG

Evolution from EPPOG to IPPOG and from informal group to Collaboration has strengthened IPPOG and increased its prestige, attracting new members.

Greatly due to the efforts of the current and previous chairs – thanks!

Evolution of masterclasses, which now include much more than CERN experiments data and its geographical expansion has been spectacular.

Global cosmics has given a boost to cosmics-related activities

Presence in conferences (plenaries / outreach sessions) helps increase awareness of our activities among our colleagues

Our meetings are inspiration and encouragement for further involvement

The resource database will be a very useful tool for students/teachers and for us.

Visions for IPPOG

Expand borders by including new countries / laboratories / experiments

Sharing of ideas, experiences and best practices is beneficial for both IPPOG and potential new members

Synergies with related fields (astroparticle physics, nuclear physics, gravitational waves, ...) : we have much in common anyway, and a regular dialogue will help both us and our target public to get the global picture

Continue efforts to involve more members from among our colleagues and recognize outreach activities (e.g. targeting national conferences)

Continue efforts to create networks with teachers (IPPOG in all CERN teachers programmes)

Set targets for producing material (PP for lay audiences, applications)

Increase the efficiency of working groups

Questions

Would you be willing to consider the cancellation of the Saturday as a meeting day?

This had been established long time ago. If the request comes, we should vote.

I have no strong preference one way or another, although I know that for those of us who have teaching duties, Saturday helps.

What is your position towards associated members and how can they be involved and be effective in the activities of IPPOG?

It is very positive that more labs want to be associated with IPPOG; potential associated members most probably already have an involvement with outreach, so they will bring new ideas. They can be effective if, in addition to their already existing activities, they also embrace the 'established' activities of IPPOG, contributing to the increase of its visibility.

What are your ideas to improve and make the agenda of the general meetings more effective? Currently there are some repetitions and probably more time should be allocated to more structured projects/events.

Reports from countries/experiments/laboratories as well as success stories are fine.

One panel discussion per meeting is fine.

Maybe the working groups should meet by video in between meetings and only report during the bi-annual meetings.

Have a discussion about the agenda: what do people like, what they don't like, what else they would like to see, what to drop.