

ACAT IAC Meeting, January 27th 2021.

Attendees:

- Alexander Kryukov
- Andrei Kataev
- Andrej Abruzov
- Axel Naumann
- David Britton
- Daniel Maitre
- Doris Kim
- Gang Chen
- Gordon Watts
- Grigory Rubtsov
- Grudrun Heinrich
- Jerome Lauret
- Junpei Fujimoto
- Liliana Teodorescu
- Luis Salinas
- Milos Lokajicek
- Monique Werlen

Apologies:

- Latifa Elouadrhiri

Absent:

- Fons Rademakers
- Maria Girone
- Bruce Denby
- Denis Damazio
- Jose Seixas
- Pushpalatha Bhat

0. DB welcomed people to the meeting. He noted that there had been a number of developments related to the global pandemic since our last meeting but hoped that these did not fundamentally change the strategy agree last time for a joint physical-virtual ACAT 2021.
1. DK gave a report from the Local Organising Committee (see Indico agenda). She confirmed that the plan was now to use IBS and not the Conference Centre. She presented positive news about funding, as far as it is currently known. There was some discussion of the fee-structure: Certainly, there will be different fees for physical and virtual attendees; but it was also felt that it would be good if non-contributing virtual participants could attend for free. That is, all speakers should pay a fee to contribute to publication costs, but it might help promote to workshop series if people could just listen for free. There is a difficulty in receiving many small payments internationally, which has to be resolved.

2. It was decided to update the ACAT2020 website to create the ACAT2021 site. DK will take the lead on this. There was also a discussion as to whether the draft-poster that was produced for ACAT2020 could be slightly modified to suggest a virtual component.
3. AN gave a report from the SPC (see Indico Agenda). He reminded the committee of the plan to have 12 plenary talks and 24 parallel talks per track, to adjust for a conference with a virtual component. He gave a deadline of FEB 10th for IAC members to add additional plenary suggestions and to confirm existing suggestions. The link is here:
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1AjLmU5loX0-3v6yCHu2vCGUG_q2lfpf44dHMnkCzV5M/edit?usp=sharing
He also explained the voting procedure that will then take place: Each IAC member will vote for 4 plenaries from each of the three tracks.
4. AN noted that Y. Altinbilek at CERN will assist with administrative issues such as the indico site. He then asked the IAC to endorse the (almost) complete set of Track Coordinates. There were no objections to the names in the slides, so this was approved.
5. There was a brief discussion of sponsorship. Jerome Lauret (JL) agreed to reconvene the sponsorship committee. There was a brief discussion of the diversity working group and it was agreed we should address this issue soon. The most pressing issue is whether we need to reserve a plenary slot. DB noted that the First Bulletin should now be drafted, and we should get this out in February. Since this will be before the next IAC meeting, this will be circulated by email.