

ACAT IAC Meeting, March 11<sup>th</sup> 2021.

Attendees:

- Alexander Kryukov
- Andrei Kataev
- Axel Naumann
- David Britton
- Doris Kim
- Gordon Watts
- Gudrun Heinrich
- Jerome Lauret
- Latifa Elouadrhiri
- Lilliana Teodorescu
- Luis Salinas
- Maria Girone
- Milos Lokajicek

Apologies:

- Grigory Rubtsov
- Monique Werlen

Absent:

- Andrej Abruzov
- Fons Rademakers
- Bruce Denby
- Daniel Maitre
- Gang Chen
- Junpei Fujimoto
- Pushpalatha Bhat

0. DB welcomed people to the meeting. He noted good progress since the last IAC (see indico slides) including the circulation of the first bulletin. The global pandemic continued to introduce significant uncertainties and the situation was very different from one country to the next. As much flexibility as possible should be maintain in planning ACAT2021. For information, DB showed the breakdown, by topic, of the vCHEP submissions.
1. DK gave a report from the Local Organising Committee (see Indico agenda). For registration fees, three components are suggested: Free for online viewing; a “publication fee” for all presenters (probably around \$50 but GW noted that this might need to be higher to cover some online conferencing costs); and a participation fee for those who can attend in-person (level to be determined) and collected upon arrival. It was noted that any banquet would have to be organised at the last moment. Online conferencing costs and technologies were discussed. Three possible dates for opening registration, were suggested; the consensus of the IAC was for “Mid May”, which would give some time to establish more information and a better idea of costs.

2. AN gave a report from the SPC (see Indico Agenda). Voting for plenaries will commence within a few days. The SPC is now complete with the addition of the last Track-1 coordinator (Marilena Bandieramonte). It was noted that we need to ensure compliance with GDPR (and the CERN equivalent - OC11) regulations for the registration via Indico. The risk of “Zoom-bombing” was also mentioned: This has been discussed with the vCHEP organisers, who will talk further with CERN IT to ensure best-practice is followed.
3. Some of the above issued were discussed during and after the presentations. In addition, JL offered to investigate using BNL “Mattermost” infrastructure. It was noted that, although we had a poster, there was nowhere really to post it. JL suggested it appear on the website as an image (in addition to a link to a pdf). DB/AN suggested that we make a version that can be used as a “Zoom Backdrop”. JL also asked about “Diversity” and it was noted that there was currently space anticipated for a plenary talk, separate from the plenary-voting outcome. Finally, JL noted that the plenary presentation on Diversity from Saas Fe was omitted from the proceedings and asked whether it could be published as part of ACAT2021. The IAC supported this idea and DB will write to the author.