

FALC – Twenty Third Meeting held in Tokyo, Japan on 12 November 2013
Meeting of Funding Agencies to Discuss the Status and Funding Prospects for Large Colliders
Public Note

1. The twenty third meeting of representatives from Canada, CERN/CERN Council, China, Germany, India, Italy, Japan, Spain, the U.K. and the U.S. was held in Tokyo, Japan on the 12th of November 2013. The Director of the LCC, the Chair of the LCB, and the Secretary of ICFA were present. Associate Directors of the LCC were also present under observer status. Dr. Yasuhiro Okada chaired the meeting.
2. FALC heard the status of the high energy physics programs at the major laboratories/organizations in the three regions, including funding status and future strategies. FALC learned that the MEXT of Japan would conduct a comprehensive study in the coming two to three years to examine viability of the ILC project.
3. A request for LCC's Common Fund for fiscal 2014 (CY 2014) was presented at the meeting, and FALC agreed to the request.
4. FALC was briefed on the recent work of ICFA. The next ICFA Meeting will be held at DESY in February 2014. The ICFA Seminar, which takes place every three years, will be held in Beijing, China in October 2014.
5. FALC heard a report from the LCB Chair. The LCB established the Project Advisory Committee (PAC) for the LCC. FALC learned that the LCB approved a draft MOU for the LCC. The MOU is expected to be signed and effective by the end of CY2013. The next LCB Meeting will be held at DESY in February 2014.
6. The LCC Director outlined the recent activities of the LCC. In the discussion of LCC's Common Fund for fiscal 2014, he made a proposal on how to invoice and how to manage the common fund, which was subsequently agreed by FALC.
7. With inputs from the LCB Chair and the LCC Director, FALC exchanged opinions on how to promote the ILC project.
8. FALC was presented with a draft of the "FALC Report on GDE" by FALC's writing team. It was agreed that the draft be finalized in early December 2013 after collecting/reflecting further comments from members. FALC will share this document with the related communities or bodies.
9. With small changes, FALC approved the updated Term of Reference (TOR) for 2014-2016.
10. FALC was presented with a final draft MOU on LCC Common Fund. FALC agrees that the MOU be effective by the end of CY 2013 to secure the LCC's 2014 budget. After deliberation, the draft was approved by FALC.
11. In the discussion on expansion of the FALC membership, FALC agreed that each region should contact non-member countries in their own region of its own accord to expand the membership, or to recruit them as observers.
12. It was proposed that the 24th FALC Meeting be held in May 2014 at FNAL during Americas Workshop on Linear Colliders, and the 25th FALC meeting be held in October 2014 in Beijing after the ICFA Seminar. Details on dates and locations of the 24th and 25th meetings will be decided later.