

Meeting of Funding Agencies to discuss the status and funding prospects for a linear collider of 0.5 to 1TeV. Fifth meeting held in London on 4 March 2005

1. The fifth meeting of representatives from CERN (President of Council and DG), Canada (NRC), France (CNRS), Germany (BMBF), Italy (INFN), Japan (MEXT), Korea (MOST), UK (PPARC) and the US (DOE, NSF) was held in London on 4 March 2005.
2. The Group received a report on the first meeting of the FALC Resources Group and confirmed the importance of this group establishing continuing dialogue between the funding agencies and the project.
3. The Group received a presentation from Professor Tigner, chair of ILCSC, on the outcome of ILC collaboration meeting held at KEK in November 2004 and recognised the positive manner in which the world community was focussing on the chosen technology.
4. The Group generally welcomed the expression of interest from the US DOE in the possibility of hosting a linear collider, at Fermilab, subject to the machine being affordable and scientifically validated by physics discoveries at the LHC.
5. The Group congratulated Professor Barish and welcomed his appointment as the Director of the GDE. Professor Barish outlined his initial plans and priorities, to which the Group gave their strong support. It was agreed that Professor Barish would be invited to all future meetings of FALC.
6. It was recognized that as costings were developed in the next years, there would be site specific elements. However, clarity was essential between the different costings systems employed worldwide.
7. The Group discussed the need to establish a small subgroup of officials to develop structures and draft the agreements that would be needed to govern the detailed engineering study phase (taking the project from CDR to TDR).
8. Professor Halliday was thanked for his work in establishing the funding agencies group. It was agreed that Professor Petronzio would succeed him as Chairman for a period of 3 years. The next meeting of the funding agencies would take place on November 4 2005.

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