

Meeting of Funding Agencies to discuss the status and funding prospects for a linear collider of 0.5 to 1TeV (FALC). Ninth meeting held in Tsukuba on 20 November 2006

1. The ninth meeting of representatives from CERN (DG), Canada (NRC), China (IHEP), France (CNRS), Germany (BMBF), India, Italy (INFN), Japan (MEXT), Korea (MOST), UK (PPARC) and the US (DOE) was held in Tsukuba on 20 November 2006.
2. A report was received on the recent meeting of the Resources Group. The Common Fund for the GDE administrative costs was now operational and the Resources Group would focus on considering the R&D programme required in the next phase of the project and how this related to the resources available and envisaged.
3. The Group received a report from Professor Barish on the status of the Global Design Effort and noted progress towards the RDR, scheduled for release in February 2007. The Group received a report from Professor Damerell on the status of the ILC detector R&D and acknowledged the planned review process.
4. It was agreed that a single review of the cost estimation described in the RDR should be commissioned under the ILCSC, with 2 members from each region nominated by FALC, in addition to 2 members from each region nominated by the ILCSC, taking into account the expertise of the members. Additional members to provide necessary breadth of expertise were not excluded.
5. The Group discussed a draft terms of reference for FALC that set out its role and what could be expected of it by Governments and the scientific community. These focused on the aim of promoting the global coordination of available R&D funds, in the immediate future particularly for the ILC engineering phase. It was the intention to agree a final terms of reference at the next meeting following further discussion.
6. The importance of a study to identify and enable the promotion of the technological applications of the R&D for large colliders was reaffirmed. This would focus on those technologies that needed to be developed, concentrating on the ILC, that would have a broad range of applications. The first meeting of regional representatives was scheduled for early December.
7. It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on 22 January 2007 in London. The main items on the agenda would be a report on the RDR for the accelerator and detectors, a review process for the RDR/costings and the terms of reference.

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