

FALC – Twenty Second Meeting held in Paris, France on 23 April 2013

Meeting of Funding Agencies to Discuss the Status and Funding Prospects for Large Colliders

Public Note

1. The twenty second meeting of representatives from Canada (NSERC), CERN (TE and CERN Council), China (IHEP), France (IN2P3 and CNRS), Germany (BMBF), Italy (INFN), Japan (MEXT and KEK), Spain (MINECO), UK (STFC) and the U.S. (DOE) was held in Paris, France on April 23, 2013. The Directors of the ILC-GDE and the LCC, the Chair of the LCB, and a delegate from ICFA were also present. Two delegates, Associate Directors of the LCC, were present under observer status. Dr. Yasuhiro Okada chaired the meeting.
2. FALC heard the status of the particle physics/high energy physics programs of the major laboratories/organizations in the three regions. Highlights included: the status of maintenance/consolidation of the LHC and its future operation plans, the result of cost review of the SuperB project and its future options, the progress of the European Strategy update, the budget request status of the U.S. high energy physics programs, and updates on studies and R&D programs at KEK and J-PARC.
3. FALC heard the status of the GDE Common Fund for 2012-2013. FALC agreed that the carryover of the FY2013 Common Fund can be directed to the LCC budget for 2013. FALC was presented with the LCC's budget request for the second half of 2013 (from July through December 2013), which was subsequently agreed by FALC at the end of the meeting.
4. FALC was briefed on the recent activities of ICFA. ICFA approved the members of the ICFA Neutrino Panel selected by the selection committee. ICFA received drafts of the ILC TDR and DBD. Having received the evaluation reports from the technical and cost review committees, ICFA and the ILCSC concluded that the drafts provides the information sufficient for preparatory talks among the nations/regions interested in an LC project, and thereby approved the draft on the conditions that the drafts be revised incorporating key recommendations by the cost review committee. ICFA has released a statement "ICFA Statement on Long-Term Data Preservation", which underscores the importance of international involvement in data preservation effort.
5. The GDE Director summarized the activities of the GDE. The GDE has completed a draft TDR as an outcome of a decade of R&D efforts. The GDE Director discussed GDE's achievements and elaborated on the cost chapter of the TDR. It was the last occasion for FALC to receive a report on the GDE. FALC extended the deepest appreciation to Dr. Barry Barish, the GDE Director, for his outstanding contributions to the great progress of the ILC R&D and his leadership in the global efforts.
6. FALC heard a report from the LCB Director. The LCB plans to establish a committee to study on a future ILC Laboratory, review a draft MOU for LCC, and set up the LCC Project Advisory Committee (PAC).
7. The LC Director outlined the progress on the LCC's organizational arrangement. Besides the efforts to nominate the

LCC's leading members, LC Director actively called on the government officials in the concerned regions and appeared in public for linear collider promotion. FALC discussed the prospects of the LCC's activity in the next three years.

8. FALC discussed how to publicize and distribute "FALC Report on GDE", drafting work of which was on track for expected publication at the end of 2013. FALC was also presented with the draft version of "the Third FALC Public Report 2011-2012". It will be posted on the FALC's Public Website after incorporating comments from the FALC members.
9. The next FALC Meeting is scheduled to be held in Tokyo, Japan on November 12 so as to coincident with the Linear Collider Workshop 2013 (LCWS13), which will take place at the University of Tokyo from November 11-15, 2013.