

Meeting of Funding Agencies to discuss the status and funding prospects for a linear collider of 0.5 to 1TeV. Third meeting held in London on 27 July 2004

1. The third meeting of representatives from CERN (President of Council and DG), France (CNRS), Germany (BMBF), Italy (INFN), Japan (MEXT), UK (PPARC) and the US (DOE, NSF and OSTP) was held in London on 27 July 2004. The Group discussed the summary of the Special Restricted Session of CERN Council (19 July 2004), progress on the technology choice for a TeV linear collider and the ongoing process, begun by ICFA, to establish a Global Design Effort.

2. Professor B Barish, Chair of the International Technology Review Panel (ITRP), gave a presentation on the work of his Panel. He outlined the charge given to the ITRP by the International Linear Collider Steering Committee (ILCSC) and gave detail on the process being followed to reach a recommendation on the technology choice for a 0.5 to 1TeV linear collider. The aim of the ITRP was to make a recommendation in August 2004. No indication was given of the likely recommendation. The Group were impressed with the thoroughness of the work being carried out by the ITRP, and were content with the process. It was agreed that the funding agencies would discuss its response to the recommendation at its next meeting.

3. Professor M Tigner, Chair of the ILCSC, gave a presentation on the activities of the physics community over recent years to reach agreed scientific and technical objectives for a 0.5 to 1TeV linear collider. The Group noted the proposed establishment of a Global Design Effort. It agreed that liaison between the funding agencies and the physics community would be essential to move forward in a coherent manner when the technology choice was made. The Group agreed to invite a representative of the group of Laboratory Directors to its future meetings. It was also agreed that a small working team of the Group would define potential Terms of Reference and possible membership of a potential committee to act as the working level interface between the Funding Agencies Group and the global project.

4. The Group agreed to hold its next meeting on September 17th at CERN. At this meeting there would be discussion of the technology recommendation and of the interface between the funding agencies and the global project. Professor Barish would be invited to the meeting.

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