

Meeting of Funding Agencies to Discuss the Status and Funding Prospects for Large Colliders. Fifteenth meeting held at Quebec City on 13 July 2009.

1. The Fifteenth meeting of representatives from Canada (NRC and NSERC), CERN (DG and Chair of Council), China (MOST), France (CNRS), Germany (BMBF), Italy (INFN), India (Tata Institute), Japan (MEXT), Spain (ENCYT), UK (STFC), and US (DOE) was held at Quebec City on 13 July 2009. Regional Directors of the GDE, and the Chair of ICFA attended. Dr. Pierre Coulombe, President of the National Research Council of Canada, chaired the meeting.

2. T. Akesson informed members about intensive discussions between CERN and the European Commission with a view to more formal connections between particle physics in Europe and the European Commission. He reviewed the status of the work of the CERN Council Working Group charged with examining the scientific and geographic enlargement of CERN. As part of this dialogue, members were informed about invitations to non-member States to come to CERN on 3 September 2009 to discuss their positions and offer opinions about how non-member States may link into the future role of CERN in global accelerator projects and non-accelerator experiments.

3. The merits of expanding the membership, role, and mandate of FALC were discussed. The Americas Region would include a laboratory director in its representation. The issue of frequency of meetings, biannually or annually, was discussed. The role of FALC centers on exchange of information among funding agencies but it is a useful forum to learn collectively about the status of future global projects. The definition of what constituted a global project was debated. SLHC was deemed to be a good candidate for recognition as a global project.

4. The Group received a status report on the ongoing study of ILC governance which had looked at the disparate governance issues in other major projects such as ALMA and ITER and what could be learned from them.

5. The Group received status reports on the work of ICFA and the ILCSC, including the approach to and guiding principles behind ILC governance and the site selection process. The Group received status reports on the LHC, planned upgrades of LHC, SuperB, and J-PARC.

6. The next meeting is scheduled to be held in Mumbai, India, in January 2010.

WFD