

Meeting of Funding Agencies to discuss the status and funding prospects for a linear collider of 0.5 to 1TeV. Fourth meeting held at CERN on 17 September 2004

1. The fourth meeting of representatives from CERN (President of Council and DG), Canada (NSERC), France (CNRS), Germany (BMBF), India (DAE, DST), Italy (INFN), Japan (MEXT), Korea (MOST), UK (PPARC) and the US (DOE, NSF) was held at CERN on 17 September 2004.
2. The Group received a presentation from Professor Barish, chair of the International Technology Review Panel (ITRP). He outlined the process followed to reach a recommendation on the technology for a 0.5 to 1TeV linear collider and the primary reasons for the choice of the superconducting rf technology. The Funding Agencies praised the clear choice by ICFA. This recommendation will lead to focusing of the global R& D effort for the linear collider and the Funding Agencies look forward to assisting in this process. The Funding Agencies see this recommendation to use superconducting rf technology as a critical step in moving forward to the design of a linear collider.
3. Dr Witherell, Director of Fermilab, gave a presentation on behalf of the group of Laboratory Directors. He reported that ICFA, and the major laboratories, had accepted the technology recommendation. The particle physics community had agreed to stand down the existing collaborations and establish a single international linear collider collaboration, whose first meeting was to be hosted by KEK from 13 to 15 November 2004. At that meeting a process would begin to determine the R&D that would be needed to establish a design based on the superconducting technology.
4. It was agreed that close coordination between the project and the funding agencies would need to evolve at a working level. It was decided to establish a Linear Collider Resource Group with the following objectives: to provide a clear view of the funding arrangements for the R&D phase of the linear collider, both to FALC and to the national funding agencies: to provide a forum to prepare for, and report, decisions about the funding arrangements. Membership of the group would be from the interested funding agencies with representatives reporting from the international collaboration. The funding agencies would provide the secretariat. It was hoped that the first meeting of this group would take place before the end of 2004.
5. The next meeting of the funding agencies would take place in London in March 2005.

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