

**European Spallation Source ERIC
15th Meeting of Council
Lund, Sweden, 18-19 February 2019**

Chair's Summary

Introduction

Parts of the first day were devoted to informal discussions with Council delegations on the long-term strategic development of the Facility for first science.

The Chairman Lars Börjesson welcomed the delegates, the AFC Chair, and ESS Management. He noted that this 15th meeting of Council had been duly convened and was quorate.

Governance

In connection with the UK (United Kingdom) leaving the European Union, Council discussed possible scenarios for continued membership in or association with the European Spallation Source ERIC.

After reviewing the Call for Nominations for Council Chair and Vice Chair, Council unanimously elected Dr. Beatrix Vierkorn-Rudolph as Council Chair, and Prof. Dr. Kurt Clausen as Council Vice Chair, their two-year mandates beginning on 1 July 2019. Council also elected Dr. Odd Ivar Eriksen as member of the Chair's Committee, his two-year term beginning on 1 March 2019.

Reports

The Chairman noted the continued rapid progress of the construction of the ESS facility. He provided a brief report covering the outcome of the Annual Review 2018, the meetings of the two working groups addressing project management and long-term funding issues that had been set up by Council at its last meeting in December 2018, and the meetings of the Chair's Committee.

The Director-General presented the progress and status of the overall construction project and noted particularly the start of accelerator commissioning, the start of the instrument installation in the long beamline experimental hall planned for summer 2019, and the project being on schedule for first science in 2023.

The Chair of the Annual Review, Austin Ball from CERN, presented the panel's findings and recommendations to Council. Council thanked him and his fellow reviewers for their tremendous work and their excellent report.

The Director General addressed the recommendations from the Annual Review and how Management planned addressing them, particularly how to focus resources to the achieve beam on target milestone and first science according to schedule. Council then asked a representative from an in-kind provider to report on progress concerning their time-critical components.

Completion of Construction and Initial Operations

The Director for Project Support and Administration presented the financial medium-term planning for construction and initial operations to support the further decision-making process.

The Chair summarised the work of the Council working group preparing for a long-term funding agreement among partners. Council agreed to further develop the scenarios for initial operations and to finalise the documentation for decisions in May-June 2019.

Procedures

Council approved the implementation principles for in-kind contributions during operations and provided feedback on the draft terms of reference for the proposed Project Advisory Committee (PAC).

AoB

Council thanked outgoing UK delegate Claire Durkin for her enthusiasm and her great support of ESS.

Closure of Meeting

There being no further business to discuss, the Chair closed the meeting at 16:00, 19 February 2019.

Lars Börjesson
Council Chair, European Spallation Source ERIC
29 March 2019