

**European Spallation Source ERIC
24th Meeting of Council
Extra-Ordinary Meeting
19-20 May 2021, by Video**

Chair's Summary

Introduction

The Chair, Beatrix Vierkorn-Rudolph, called the meeting to order on 19 May 2021 at 13:00. She welcomed the delegates, the advisory committee chairs, and ESS Management. She noted that this extra-ordinary 24th meeting of Council had been duly convened and was quorate.

Appointment of the ESS Director General

In closed session, Council reviewed the report from the Search and Selection Committee which had been established in October 2020 and had screened and interviewed candidates earlier in 2021. Council invited Helmut Schober to the closed session to introduce himself. Based on the report and the presentation, Council unanimously appointed Helmut Schober as ESS Director General for a five-year term, starting on 1 November 2021. Helmut Schober thanked the delegates for their confidence and confirmed that he would work closely with the ESS Acting Director General, Kevin Jones, to ensure a smooth transition.

Reports

The Acting Director General reported the overall ESS status, covering progress, challenges, impacts from COVID-19, and the critical path. The Project Director, Mark Anthony, updated Council on the scenario planning and the planning for the re-baselining including the next survey on in-kind contributions. The AFC Vice Chair, Xavier Reymond, summarised the recommendations from the recent AFC meeting concerning financial matters and planned AFC working groups. The IKRC Chair, Bjørn Hauback, reported from the recent IKRC meeting, focusing on in-kind performance and the accelerator milestones. The SAC Chair, Michael Preuss, provided the committee's first feedback on the planned re-baselining, DMSC, and staff secondments.

Financial Matters

The Director of Project Support and Administration, Agneta Nestenborg, presented the Organisation's cash flow planning, the second cash facility, and an update on the 2021 budget. Based on the recommendations from AFC and the reports, Council, by qualified majority, authorised the Acting Director General to execute the second cash facility. Once it was signed, the budget cap on the 2021 budget would be superseded.

Scenarios and Re-Baselining

Council took note of the update on the scenarios and the re-baseline plan. Council provided feedback towards the final versions to be presented to the 25th meeting in June 2021 where the framework for the re-baselining would be finalised.

Closure of Meeting

The Chair closed the meeting at 13:30, 20 May 2021.

Beatrix Vierkorn-Rudolph
Council Chair, European Spallation Source ERIC
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