

**European Spallation Source ERIC
13th Meeting of Council
Lund, Sweden, 4-5 June 2018**

Chair's Summary

Introduction

The Chairman Lars Börjesson welcomed the delegates, Chairs of advisory committees, ESS Management, and guests. He noted that this 13th meeting of Council had been duly convened and was quorate.

Reports

The Chairman summarised the written procedures concerning Spain's accession as a full Member of ESS and concerning a new member of the Committee on Employment Conditions (CEC). Further, he presented the schedule for the planned review of the Terms of References of the Chair's Committee.

He then reported on the 5th CEC meeting which had looked into staff turn-over, long-term staff planning, and taxation for in-kind and seconded staff.

The Director-General presented the overall project status with updates on the conventional facilities, the work in the accelerator tunnel, the planned League of European Neutron Sources (LENS), and major in-kind contributions.

The Associate Director for Environment, Health, Safety, and Quality, Ralf Trant, provided the delegates with an overview of the licensing process and the steps ahead.

The Science Director, Andreas Schreyer, gave an overview of the planning for the scientific instruments. Together with Helmut Schober, Director of ILL, he encouraged the delegates to attend the joint ILL-ESS user meeting in Grenoble in October 2018.

Schedule

The Project Manager, John Haines, presented the input to the Schedule Review which had assessed the proposed new baseline. Through an adjustment of the plans, the Organisation managed to keep the start of the scientific user programme as foreseen in 2023, even though delays in completion of the target building will result in the start of the neutron production later than originally planned.

The Chair of the Schedule Review, Mark Reichenadter (Stanford), presented the panel's main findings and recommendations, focussing on in-kind components close to the critical path and the role of the central team.

Council agreed the goal to start the instrument commissioning in 2022 with early science on first three instruments as soon as possible thereafter.

Financial Matters

The Director of Project Support and Administration, Agneta Nestenborg, presented the Organisation's financial position. Council unanimously approved the Annual Report 2017 and the Budget Plan 2019/20.

Membership

The Netherlands announced that they may ask for an extension of their Observer status.

In-Kind Contributions

Council unanimously approved in-kind agreements with Hungarian and Italian partners of 1 M€ and accepted final reports concerning contributions from Hungary, Norway, and Switzerland for 1.5 M€.

Procedures

Council approved the possibility to contribute to operations in kind and asked Management to provide a proposal for implementation at the next meeting of Council. Further, the Internal Financial Regulations and an update of Annex 7 to the Statutes were approved. Council further appointed Stephanie Dupuis as Vice Chair of the Administrative and Finance Committee and Lars Börjesson as CEC Chair.

AoB

Council approved the meeting dates for 2022 and 2023 and updated the dates for the Strategy Meetings 2019 to 2021.

Closure of Meeting

There being no further business to discuss, the Chair closed the meeting at 15:50, 5 June 2018.

Lars Börjesson

Council Chair, European Spallation Source ERIC

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