



# Minutes

## APPEC General Assembly meeting

June, 22<sup>th</sup>, 09:00-16:00h

DESY Zeuthen, Germany

**Present**

Stan Bentvelsen, Antonio Bueno, Catherine DeClercq, Fernando Ferroni, Andreas Haungs, Stavros Katsanevas, Job de Kleuver (General Secretary), Sylvie Leray, Mario Martinez, Antonio Masiero (Chairman), Teresa Montaruli, Janet Seed, Christian Stegmann, Andy Williams (observer ESO).

Invited: Katharina Henjes-Kunst, Frank Linde, Francesca Moglia, Corinne Mosese, Alessia d’Orazio.

**Apologies**

The chairman received apologies for their absence from, Halina Abramowitz (observer ECFA), Lars Bergstrom, Johannes Blümer, Iliana Brancus, Eckhard Elsen (observer CERN), Anne-Isabelle Etienvre (replaced in this meeting by Sylvie Leray), Laurent Favart, Berry Giebels (replaced in this meeting by Stavros Katsanevas), Michiel van den Hout, Panu Jalas and Mario Pimenta.

Items		To Do's:
<b>1. Adoption of the Agenda</b>	Masiero opened the meeting and thanked Stegmann for the hospitality and the arrangements of this meeting. The agenda was adopted.	
<b>2. Short presentation German APP</b>	Stegmann introduced DESY Zeuthen APP research activities in Neutrino Astronomy (IceCube) and Gamma Ray Astronomy (HESS, CTA). He also explained in some detail the APP funding in Germany and the role of the different organisations. The Helmholtz Gesellschaft is more or less the executive body of the Ministry BMBF. The KAT (Committee on Astroparticle Physics) has the ambition to bring coordination between the different pillars in APP funding in Germany. Due to the regulations Stegmann is the representative of the Ministry and is not able to be a linking pin to the community at the same time. Since both connections are important to be linked with APPEC further discussion is needed. He suggested to review the APPEC MoU and find also a solution for the German connections.	
<b>3. Minutes GA meeting, November 7, 2016</b>	The minutes were approved without changes.	
<b>4. Follow-up GA Phone meeting April 26, 2017</b>	The summary of the Phone meeting of April 26 was approved. Masiero reported about the follow-up.  Masiero and De Kleuver had a fruitful meeting with	

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	<p>Stegmann, Blümer and Weinheimer (KAT) on June 1 in Frankfurt. The German colleagues explained the complex German structure in depth, followed by an open discussion how to keep Germany well connected to APPEC, both on the level of BMBF and the community. Stegmann agreed that it was a constructive meeting and that it should be continued in the near future to find good solutions. The GA decided to install a small committee with the task to review the present MoU and propose how to proceed. Also aspects as the role of the SAC, the role and (division of) tasks of the Functional Centers and ideas for sustainable funding will be discussed. If possible the committee has a first report before the GA meeting in Barcelona. The GA also agreed the composition of the committee: Janet Seed, Christian Stegmann, Sylvie Leray, Stavros Katsanevas and Job de Kleuver.</p>	
<p><b>5. Report of the Chairman</b></p>	<p>Masiero reported about recent developments and actions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• APPEC provided a support letter for the H2020-CMB-proposal.</li> <li>• Masiero reported about the update of the ESFRI Landscape Analysis. He is involved in updating the APP and Astrophysics part. Focus on CTA, KM3NeT, multi messenger Astronomy, including Gravitational Waves and neutrinos and the Dark side (Dark Matter, CMB, Dark Energy). The text will be concluded in summer. Masiero will send the final (draft) report to inform the GA.</li> <li>• The next APP-infrastructure for ESFRI is Einstein Telescope. Application is foreseen for 2019 or 2021 dependent on the developments. It was suggested to invite key players (GWIC, Virgo Spokesperson, ET chair) for the next GA meeting to discuss the present status and the possible actions of APPEC.</li> <li>• In Stockholm a call text for Theory Center bids (and competition) was discussed. Since it seems better to collect the interests of institutes and try to make an arrangement Masiero prepared a more informal invitation. He will send this Call for Expressions of Interest to the GA members with the request to spread it in their countries. We expect no more than one application per country. The call will be open in July and the deadline will be 15 October. The GA could take a decision in the December meeting.</li> </ul>	<p>Masiero</p> <p>De Kleuver</p> <p>Masiero</p>
<p><b>6. Status APPEC Roadmap and launch event</b></p>	<p>Status of the roadmap document</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The roadmap text is final. Linde reported about the set of images. Final suggestions are welcome until July 1. The first impression of the layout was shortly discussed. Suggestions were collected.</li> <li>• The GA agreed to make the roadmap public online as</li> </ul>	

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	<p>soon as the pdf document is final. Hard copies will be presented at the launch event.</p> <p>Status launch event</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The GA decided to have a launch event in the presence of R.J. Smits and other high European representatives to present our ambitions for the near future. In an unanimous vote the GA decided that if Smits is available on 13 September we will organise the launch event that day, although there is another APPEC event in Russia. The GA also decided to give Masiero and De Kleuver mandate to pick a date in the case 13 September is not possible.</li> <li>De Kleuver presented the draft programme for the launch event. The morning programme is more or less ceremonial with speakers and political messages. The afternoon programme will have a more lively and interactive character, more focused on the implementation of the roadmap and the community. A talk from ESFRI perspective will be added to the morning programme.</li> </ul>	<p>Mosese / De Kleuver</p> <p>Masiero / De Kleuver</p>
<p><b>7. First steps Roadmap implementation</b></p>	<p>Masiero explained that now the roadmap is (almost) final APPEC could focus on the implementation of the recommendations. A list with the recommendations and a few other GA decisions was provided for a first discussion about how to implement the recommendations and how to prioritize all actions, since the available resource are limited.</p> <p>Suggested was to contact spokespersons of the projects and ask them what APPEC could do, not only in an early stage but also later.</p> <p>Other suggestions from the GA were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do we need specific review committees and what is the relation to the (new) SAC?</li> <li>What could be the role of APPEC if a project has an ERIC governance model?</li> <li>Could APPEC improve the organization of projects via workshops or other actions?</li> </ul> <p>To get a better view on the interests from country to country GA members were asked to fill a table with all recommendations and other topics. The aim is to have this info complete before the December meeting of the GA.</p>	<p>GA members</p>
<p><b>8. SAC chair and vice chair(s) GA</b></p>	<p>The position of SAC chair is vacant since Masiero is chair of the GA. Haungs reported that the present SAC members are not aware of changes in the SAC composition. The GA decided after discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To continue with the present SAC until the end of 2017.</li> <li>To appoint a new SAC chair out of the present SAC members.</li> </ul>	<p>Masiero</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To discuss a new SAC mandate and the composition of the SAC in the next GA-meeting in Barcelona</li> </ul> <p>The GA appointed Teresa Montaruli as vice chair of the GA for a period of 2 years starting July 1, 2017.</p>	
<p><b>9. European and global issues</b></p>	<p>Bentvelsen explained his written report about the recent APIF meeting at SLAC.</p> <p>The new working programme 2018/2019 of H2020 will be available in October. The structure will more or less as it was. A huge focus will be on Open Science Cloud. A draft of the working programme document is available upon request.</p> <p>ERIC (European Research Infrastructure Consortium) initiatives are in preparation for KM3NeT, Underground Labs and CTA.</p> <p>Ferroni stated that it is important to understand why proposals were rejected in the (recent) past to be more successful in the future.</p>	
<p><b>10. Report General Secretary</b></p>	<p>De Kleuver presented his report to the GA with contributions of other JS members (see the full presentation in the APPEC cloud).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Management Report 2016, including the financial report 2016 was approved by the GA.</li> <li>• De Kleuver presented briefly the composition, tasks and actions of the Functional Centers and other JS members. The resources are limited for APPEC tasks. See also the presentation in the APPEC-cloud).</li> <li>• Moglia reported about the successful APPEC Technology Forum (see presentation in the APPEC-cloud). Suggestions for a topic for the ATF 2018 are welcome. The final choice will be discussed and decided in a next GA meeting.</li> <li>• Mosese reported about the plans to revive the website and other communication activities in the coming months.</li> <li>• Katsanevas reported about the plan for a meeting between APPEC and the GEO-8 Geophysicists to discuss the outline for a broader event later in 2018.</li> <li>• APPEC received very recently the formal request for accession of Greece via National Observatory of Athens (NOA). A support letter of the Ministry was confirmed, but not received yet. The GA agreed to approve the accession of Greece by NOA, under the condition that the formal documents will be signed as soon as the support letter has been received.</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="486 273 1209 448">• The budget and meetings plan 2017 was approved by the GA. The GA also agreed with the procedure that all requests for financial support from the APPEC common fund has to be sent in advance to the General Secretary (by email).</li></ul>	
<b>11. AOB</b>	Martinez gave a short presentation about the venue of the next GA meeting on December 1, 2017 in Barcelona (see also the APPEC-cloud).	