

**AGATA Collaboration Council Minutes, INP Lyon**

**25<sup>th</sup> November 2010**

*In attendance:* John Simpson (Daresbury), Andy Boston (Liverpool), Dave Cullen (Manchester), Enrico Farnea (Padova), Juergen Gerl (GSI), Roman Gernhauser (Munich), Pete Jones (JYFL), Amel Korichi (CSNSM), Nicu Marginean (Bucharest), Jose Javier Valiente Dobon (Legnaro), Adam Maj (Krakow), Benedicte Million (Milan), Johan Nyberg (Uppsala), Peter Reiter (Cologne), Oliver Stezowski (Lyon) and Christophe Theisen (Saclay).

*Apologies:* Dominique Curien, Silvia Lenzi (represented by Enrico Farnea), Adriana Nannini (Firenze represented by Enrico Farnea), Daniel Napoli (represented by Jose Javier Valiente Dobon), Phil Walker and Victor Zamfir (represented by Nicu Marginean)

Introduction

John presented a brief introduction to the ACC and its terms of reference.

John presented a brief report on the lab directors meeting in LNL. The expected 6 month extension to the LNL campaign was announced.

The slides presented during the meeting are on the ACC web pages at:

Web Pages

John introduced the ACC web pages.

Pete requested links to previous AGATA weeks to be put on the web pages.

A request to include PhD thesis alongside journal publications and conference proceedings was endorsed.

**ACTION ALL to ensure the web pages contain up to date info and contribute where necessary.**

**ACTION ALL to ensure the list of publications is up to date.**

Next ACC meeting

A joint AGATA ACC / EGAN (European Gamma & Ancillary detectors network) meeting was discussed. The proposed dates of **27 – 30 June 2011** were indorsed. Experiment spokespersons or nominees are required to present the result/analysis of their data at this meeting.

**ACTION John to confirm with the campaign spokespersons and coordinate the meeting agenda with them and Sylvia Lenzi.**

GANIL spokesperson

The GANIL campaign spokesperson(s) were discussed. John has informally discussed this with Gilles DeFrance . This process should be finalised before the next ACC meeting.

**ACTION ALL: Let John know your ideas for the appropriate representatives.**

### Approved Experiments

John presented a list of experiments approved and performed, including the relevant spokespersons and primary contacts. There was a discussion about the reporting mechanism to the ACC of the status of experimental data analysis.

**ACTION John to produce a simple pro-forma (template) for completion by the experiment primary contacts.**

### AGATA data policy

There was a brief statement of the AGATA data policy. The wording of data “ownership” will be modified to “control”. To avoid any legal issues.

### AGATA publications policy

There was a long discussion seeking the views of the ACC on the AGATA publications policy. The ACC agreed a differentiation between technical and scientific (Physics) publications.

#### *Technical Papers*

Andres presented the technical publication proposal. The AGATA AMB (and collaboration) needs to be aware of technical publications and have an influence to ensure the quality of these papers. The AMB will define the mechanism most likely with the AMB having an informed advisory role.

The AMB will formally send out a notification of this policy through the AGATA-all list.

The AGATA overview NIM paper was discussed. This technical paper will include a complete list of all people involved in the collaboration.

**ACTION John to ensure this paper is progressed in a timely manner.**

#### *Physics Papers*

Views were solicited from the ACC with regard to the Author list policy. Various scenarios were discussed. A publication policy document being prepared by Jan Jolie was mentioned, but the contents of this have not yet been seen by the ACC or ASC.

Some points raised:

- The “plus the AGATA collaboration” is not allowed in some journals in the author list. It can be added in the acknowledgements.
- A proposal for a list involving those people closely involved in the particular experiment or actively contributing to the setup. In addition to this a list of all institutes involved in the AGATA project would be acknowledged.
- The ACC could produce a list of all people involved and authors could pick a subset of additional authors from this list.
- A document is being prepared for the ASC by Jan Jolie, Peter reported that this document expressed the strong view that students/postdocs and staff who have actively contributed

over a large number of years should be included on any author list. Also the requirement that funding agencies should be acknowledged.

- The policy should be agreed by the ASC ASAP.
- Proper contributions should be acknowledged (names on author list).
- The first author should always been the person making the main contribution to the analysis of the experimental data.
- The AGATA NIM paper with all author names is very important.
- There is not a problem with long author lists, think of how the medium and high energy physics communities work.
- Could agree a “clean up” list of authors for each publication. In medium energy physics the author list is alphabetical.
- How is the list of names best managed.
- Whatever the policy the collaboration will have to abide by it once it is defined. The question is should the implementation of author list policy be managed by the ASC or the ACC?
- Suggestion: The ACC should manage the list for scientific publications, the policy should be defined and agreed by the ASC.
- Each ACC member should be responsible for providing the author list for his/her institution.
- Suggestion that a web page be set up where authors on this list have to “opt in” to inclusion on any published paper. Indicated this approach is followed in some other areas of science.

The ACC states:

- (1) The AGATA publication policy is urgently required
- (2) Once decided everyone will be requires to abide by this policy

**ACTION John to contact the ASC with this feedback.**

AOB

Pete introduced the AGATA @ FAIR issue. Pointing out it is strategically important for a number of countries that AGATA be considered part of FAIR. He question who follows this up?

Juergen: Stated that the ASC should write a letter to the FAIR council asking for consideration.

Minutes taken by Andy Boston