

Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting on 01.11.2021 via ZOOM

Present:

1. Anosov V. (JINR)
2. Guskov A. (JINR)
3. Korzenev A. (JINR)
4. Kulikov A. (JINR)
5. Ladygin V. (JINR)
6. Teryaev O. (JINR) - invited
7. Tomasi-Gustafsson E. (CEA Saclay)
8. Wang Y. (Tsinghua Univ.)
9. Zhemchugov A. (JINR)

Meeting duration: 11:00-12:00 of Moscow time.

Agenda:

- 1) Communication with DAC (A. Guskov);
- 2) White pages preparation (E. Tomasi-Gustafsson);
- 3) New groups;
- 4) AOB.

Short summary:

The second meeting with the SPD DAC took place on 1.10.2021. A.Guskov, A.Korzenev, and V.Ladygin represented the SPD collaboration. Two talks were given: on the general status of SPD (by A. Guskov) and the main changes in the concept of the SPD setup (by A. Korzenev). Finally, the Committee expressed its satisfaction with the communication with SPD and will propose the PAC in the winter session to approve the SPD CDR. Nevertheless, our interaction with the SPD DAC will be continued next year.

To consolidate the collaboration, E. Tomasi-Gustafsson proposed to start work on the SPD White Book that can be written by institutions and for institutions. The idea received restrained approval. The following concerns were raised:

- White Book is an instrument of the early stage of project development to collect ideas and define the appearance of a detector. SPD is already at the more advanced level and such an initiative may mislead our partners and DAC.
- People are busy with the preparation of the TDR, there is not enough manpower for the task.
- Prepared by volunteers in case of a lack of manpower, the document may be biased and may not reflect correctly our priorities.

Nevertheless, it was emphasized that such a document would be especially useful for the initial phase of the SPD experiment. The EB asked Egle to investigate possibilities to prepare the SPD White Book document.

Informal contacts were established with two groups from Mexico (CINVESTAV and the University of Puebla) who expressed interest in participating in SPD. Taking into account their involvement in the MPD project, before establishing official contacts we need to be careful and clarify whether they will be able to fulfill their obligations in both projects. There are also some contacts with a group from INP (Novosibirsk, Russia). It is especially promising taking into account the experience of the INP people with aerogel detectors.

The dates of the next remote collaboration meeting were fixed: December 13-15. The technical board meeting will happen on Dec, 2.

A. Guskov proposed to consider a candidacy of I. Denisenko (JINR) for the vacant position of the SPD physics coordinator.