

## PROTON ACCELERATORS for SCIENCE & INNOVATION Steering Group

Notes on 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting held on Monday 8 August 2011 in the Norton Room, PPD , RAL

<b><u>Present:</u></b>	
Grahame Blair	By phone
Swapan Chattopadhyay	By phone
John Cobb	By phone
Rob Edgecock	
Dan Faircloth	
Paul Kyberd	By phone
Alan Letchford	
Andy Nichols	
Ken Long	
Kevin Ronald	By phone
Paul Soler	By phone
Mary Elizabeth Shewry	
<b><u>Apologies Received:</u></b>	
Neil Bliss, David Findlay, Alan Grant, David Jenkins, Chris Prior, Andrei Seryi.	

### NOTES

#### 1. REVIEW OF ACTIONS

Ken Long reminded speakers to have their draft talks ready today. Alan Letchford said his was not yet completed. Rob Edgecock would have his ready later.

Andy Nichols would be presenting Alan Grant's talk. Rob Edgecock commented that the time slots for presentations were very short.

#### 2. UPDATES/COMMENTS on PROGRAMME 15 August 2011

KL & MES would organise the posters in the front of the MICE Hall. Posters were already displayed at the end of FETS.

The panel would be taken on the tour by van, to minimise time lost with such a tight schedule.

KL went through the questions on MICE which were submitted in advance of the Telecon meeting on 4 August. He said he felt that Step V was a possible goal should funds be cut. Work can be moved forward; Norbert Holtcamp had said that it was always possible to de-scope.

The questions on the prioritisation of the work packages and on what could be delayed, and if only 75% or 50% funding was available, gave rise to lengthy discussion. It was evident that there were opinions being circulated that the Target & FETS proposals were of lower priority and in a reduced funding situation could suffer.

Swapan Chattopadhyay said that this committee needed to look forward and focus to make MICE a success but not “MICE without anything else”. The strategy should be a united front, and to not allow discord between each project. Talks offline should take place with the international collaborators to make them aware of the threat of underfunding by STFC.

It is essential that presentations are slick and accurate on technical plans and deliverables. It would be wise for to look over certain areas which the OsC say are low priority ie., hardware costs, target studies – questions will come up when grilled.

Paul Soler said that the comments made by the oversight committee on MICE must be addressed. Swapan Chattopadhyay said we should defend the whole programme. (John Cobb joined the meeting by phone, while Andy Nichols excused himself for another meeting).

It should be run within the project and not overseen. KL said he’d compile a skeleton for a matrix for individuals to input their own points for them to be shown impartially.(Kevin Ronald ended his phone connection). KL said PASI should not collapse on a single axis .

Rob Edgecock was concerned that MICE would have priority over the other proposals and expressed his dissatisfaction that the proposals would be weighed against each other. He felt that MICE should not have the priority it was likely to be awarded by the panel. (Paul Soler ends his phone call).

**3. DEBRIEF ON CONFERENCE CALLS WITH PANEL REFEREES**

Short discussion of question and answer sessions.

**4. VISIT OF Y-K KIM - 7 OCTOBER 2011**

KL announced that Young-Kee Kim, deputy Director of Fermilab, would be visiting the UK on 7 October as part of the Science & Innovation Network. It was part of the move towards the STFC having a visible front with the DoE/Fermilab for FETS and Linac Target & Muons in the call for proposals for High Power Protons for the January 2012 meeting. He had suggested Imperial College as the meeting venue and had made the reservations but it could alternatively be held at the John Adams Institute or the Cockcroft Institute.

**5. PASI web space & Mailing Lists**

KL said DF was preparing these and would add the executive summary in layman’s terms. He’d link the project documentation, minutes etc together, along with the ISIS/ STFC guidelines. He would check the mailing list with Dan Faircloth and migrate this. The programme funding starts 1 April 2012.

**6. FIRST PASI ( & penultimate UKNF ? ) PLENARY MEETING**

This has been arranged for 9 & 10 November 2011 in Conference Room 13 , RAL. Paul Kyberd and an STFC person will organise this.

**7. NEXT MEETINGS - 15 August 2011**

This will be held in Conference Room 4 from 09:30 to 12:30 and will be a rehearsal session for the review which will follow.  
During September a formal steering group meeting will be arranged .

**8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

No additional points were raised.

Mary Elizabeth Shewry  
9 August 2011