

Minutes TUEC Meeting September 18th, 2014

Participants:

Iris Dillmann (minutes)
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Anadi Canepa
Rüdiger Picker
Reiner Krücken (until 12:30)
Catherine Deibel (via Skype)
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Topics:

1. Acceptance of last TUEC minutes
2. Date for next Science Weeks + AGM
3. Framework for AGM student prize and AGM structure
4. Preparation for meeting with Jonathan Bagger & Reiner Krücken
5. AOB
 - Hot Spot Café
 - TUG Mailing List

1.) The previous minutes were accepted.

2.) Reiner explained the concept of the Science Week and asked which other collaboration meetings could be combined to increase the attendance. Normally the Science Week includes an ARIEL workshop (1d), the TUG Annual General Meeting (1d), if possible the SAP-EEC (1.5 d public, 0.5d closed meetings) and the MMS-EEC. This would leave 1.5-2.5 days for other meetings.

Suggestions: GRIFFIN and/or TIGRESS meeting (to be discussed), T2K Canada (Akira Konaka said maybe possible), ATLAS-Canada (but their meetings are in May and December), ATLAS Theory workshop, ... etc. Once the date for the Science Week 2015 is fixed (Reiner will choose one or two weeks in June/ July and inform us for feedback about collisions with any major conferences), it will be "first come, first serve" for groups requiring the auditorium. **(Remark: Science Week will be June 6th-11th, 2015)**

3.) **AGM Student Prize:**

The general concept of the AGM with "invited" speakers rather than via abstract submission was discussed. It was concluded that past AGM have been too much focused on senior scientists and were thus not interesting for students.

It was suggested that the needs of the community should be more put into the focus. Last AGM in 2013 this was a 15-30min panel discussion at the end but the attendance was not very large. It was

also suggested that we could make a separate PhD/postdoc discussion, and/or include a TRIUMF BAE (Board Appointed Employee/ Research scientist) meeting with it.

For the AGM student prize the discussion was between a thesis prize (lots of work since we/ a committee needs to read the thesis and judge it) and a poster prize or something else. It was agreed that just for showing posters and getting a poster prize we will not attract more people, especially students, to the AGM because the travel costs are too high. We discussed the following:

- Creation of AGM webpage for abstract submission for POSTERS (e.g. Indico) for everybody (there will be still some invited talks, to be discussed how much)
- There will be a form where one can mark that the submitter is a graduate student (and will still be a graduate student at the time of the AGM) and wants to be included in the TUG student prize competition which will be an upgrade to a talk if selected and the possibility to compete for the student prize.
- The student should be either supervised or co-supervised by a TRIUMF user, or present results from a TRIUMF experiment.
- If a graduate student wants to participate: the application package comprises
 - a) a letter of reference from the supervisor → should be sent directly to tug@triumf.ca
 - b) an extended abstract
 - c) a (scientific) CV.
- These additional documents should be sent to us (via the webpage or to tug@triumf.ca) at latest 3 months before the AGM.
- The TUECs will make a selection for the AGM talks (number of student talks will depend on number of applications; estimated 4-6 students in the competition who will give a talk).
- The selected students will be informed 8 weeks before the AGM about their talks which should give them plenty of time for preparation. We should ask them to confirm their participation and willingness to give a talk within a few days, otherwise the previously not-selected runner-ups will be selected.
- At the AGM we will have an “AGM student prize committee” consisting of the TUECs plus some (all?) of the invited speakers. They will select the 3 best talks and also from the posters the 3 poster prize winner.
- Question: how do we distribute the \$1000 from Reiner between the 6 winners?
- Prize will be paid in cash or by cheque (to be discussed).
- Iris will check if these additional formats are possible with INDICO or if we have to ask IT for additional help.

AGM structure:

We will start with a welcome and a lab report and the consequences for TRIUMF and operations from the NRC decision about the budget for the next 5 years. (Reiner Kruecken and/or Jonathan Bagger).

There will be some invited talks as usual for the different fields. If we start at 9:00 and have 2x 90min sessions in the morning (30min coffee break), 90min lunch break plus time to look at the posters (where do we place the posters? Should be accessible during all breaks), then 2x 90min with 30min coffee break in the afternoon we would end at 17:30. Take 30min for the lab report and 30 min at

the end for the panel discussion with everybody we have 300 min for all “other” talks. If we give 25+5 to everybody this would be 10 talks, if we have 20+5 min it would be time for 12 talks.

After the AGM we would like to make a BBQ with tasty sausages and beverages. For this we would ask for \$20 participation fee (the last Science Week also had this fee for the BBQ if I remember correctly; money was collected by bank transfer, Iris will ask Niki about this) and give 2-3 “beverage” coupons (prices to be asked from Sharon, could be 2 beers or 3 soft drinks). Place: if possible in front of TRIUMF with beer benches and tables (the Hot Spot outdoor place might be too crowded), and we could place the posters also there. Problem: depends on the weather... If possible we could take care of the BBQ and the meat & veggie stuff on the grill, and Sharon takes care of the beverages and salads. To be discussed with her.

3.) Informal meeting with Jonathan Bagger and Reiner Krücken: **October 23rd, at 11:00 PDT** (we will have 1h). Date does not fit every TUEC but the majority agreed on this. We will setup a better video conference for this meeting. Place: Reiner’s office.

Topics: Introduction to the TUG and the present TUECs. Iris will send an email to collect “important” topics to be discussed then but we are restricted to 1h.

4.) **AOB**

- Hot Spot Café et al.: we all agree that there is space for improvements of the food served at the HSC. At present many people would not and do not bring their guest there for lunch but rather go out. The competition will be even stronger once the new “Biercraft” (www.biercraft.com) opens in fall (for brunch, lunch and dinner!) at Wesbrook Village.

A first step would be – also in view of a “greener” TRIUMF and UBC campus - the use of real plates and tableware. (Does the HSC have a dishwasher so they can cope with it?).

We should insist of extending the “warm food hours” by 30min (presently it is closing at 13:15). Many experimenters end up only with cold food since they cannot leave the experiment in time for lunch.

It should be explored if Sharon can serve one additional hot meal (apart from poutine, hamburgers, sandwiches, fries). It was mentioned that the food she prepares for the EEC meetings is not so bad, so why can’t we get it if we pay \$7 for it?

It was suggested to make a TRIUMF-wide survey what the HSC “users” would like to have, or if they are satisfied with the present food and prices (comment from Iris: \$2 for a small joghurt????). The question is how to approach this topic, and who should approach Sharon.

Another remark came from the ATLAS group: there is need for a coffee vending machine, a softdrink vending machine and a snack vending machine in the Main Office Building for the after-HSC hours (after 16:30 and on weekends). Marcello Pavan (TRIUMF) has already approached Sharon to talk about this.

- TUG Mailing List:

Presently there are about 90 people subscribed to the new mailing list. The previous one had >320 names on it, but no possibility to unsubscribe (apart from sending an email to Niki). The question is if we should “reverse” it and subscribe e.g. everybody on the experiments’ spokesperson list (-> Niki, Science Division) to it, with the link to unsubscribe if needed. Contra: It is not clear if we are allowed to do this with the new spam rules in Canada since July (we can ask Melissa or Marcello at Outreach or Josie at HR), but some people would find it annoying. Pro: every experiment spokesperson is a TRIUMF user and part of the User Group. We came to no decision but agreed that everybody should urge his/her own group members or collaborations to subscribe. The link is <http://www.triumf.ca/triumf-users-group/tug-membership-2>.

Iris will ask Niki to start another call (via the spokespersons list and Science Division list). ATLAS-Canada: Bernd and Anadi should ask their colleagues. UCN: Rüdiger; Material Science: Zaher and Khayashar; Iris: ISAC users via BAE’s. To do: FRIB or JINA lists for nuclear physics and astrophysics (Catherine, could you ask them?).