

Geant4 Oversight Board Meeting

Kobe University and teleconference, 10 October 2008

- Participants: Amber Boehnlein (FNAL), Michael Doser (CERN), Mauro Morandin (INFN), Setsuya Kawabata (KEK), Etienne Augé (IN2P3), Richard Mount (SLAC), John Allison (STFC, HIP), Vladimir Grichine (LPI), Mario Pimenta (LIP, TRIUMF), John Apostolakis (ex officio - Spokesperson), Makoto Asai (ex officio – deputy Spokesperson), Petteri Nieminen (ESA, Chair).
- Collaboration issues. Main topics discussed in the Kobe Collaboration Workshop were summarized by John and Makoto. A number of user presentations were given during the Workshop; in addition to strong Japanese contribution, several users e.g. from China and Korea were also present. Technical developments and Working Group issues, in particular related to the recently restructured Low-Energy Electromagnetic WG, were briefly addressed. While significant technical progress is being made, manpower availability was highlighted as a potential concern.
- Preparations for the delta review (19-20 January 2009 at CERN) were discussed. Travel and subsistence funding for all of the Review Committee members appears to be available. *Action:* John to contact Charlie Young regarding the local organisation for the review, and to inform Etienne (and the rest of the OB) of the WWW site for the previous Review report.
- Poll of the funding and commitment status of the Collaboration Institutes:
 - SLAC: Richard gave an update on the planned DoE proposal for US Geant4 developments, and agreed to distribute this proposal to the SB. *Action:* Richard to send the proposal to John.
 - IN2P3: No major issues.
 - INFN: Mauro reported on the efforts to get new fellowships for Geant4 developments.
 - FNAL: Amber is collaborating with Richard on the DoE proposal.
 - CERN: No major issues. Michael stated that the present situation with LHC is not affecting Geant4 activities, apart from the fact that data will become available somewhat later than planned.
 - LPI: Vladimir reported on a new proposal being submitted to the Russian Academy of Sciences.
 - KEK: No major issues.
 - LIP and TRIUMF: No major issues. Mario reminded that LIP contribution to Geant4 is foreseen to be extended in 2009.
 - STFC and HIP: John Allison reported of a planned new collaboration between HIP and Saclay group for hadron therapy and health protection developments.
 - ESA: Healthy R&D ongoing and about to be started, but there is an acute funding problem for ESA personnel travel, especially overseas.
- Next meeting: To be potentially held following the delta review (i.e. either late afternoon of 20 or in the morning of 21 January 2009). *Action:* Petteri to circulate suggested dates to confirm the OB representatives' availability.