

Geant4 Oversight Board Meeting

Teleconference, 16 January 2008

- Participants: Amber Boehnlein (FNAL), Michael Doser (CERN), Mauro Morandin (INFN), Setsuya Kawabata (KEK), François Le Diberder (IN2P3), John Allison (STFC, HIP), John Apostolakis (ex officio - Spokesperson), Makoto Asai (ex officio – deputy Spokesperson), Petteri Nieminen (ESA, Chair). Absence due to technical reasons: Richard Mount (SLAC), with inputs provided afterwards via e-mail, and Mario Pimenta (LIP, TRIUMF)
- Introduction of Amber Boehnlein (New FNAL OB representative). Amber gave a brief overview of the planned and already ongoing Geant4 contributions of FNAL, including hadronic physics developments and issues related to speed and memory consumption. The OB warmly welcomed her in her new position.
- Report from Mauro on an internal INFN Geant4 group meeting held on 15 January. The meeting, attended also by INFN advisory committee and referees, was intended as a first step towards definition of the form of future Geant4 contributions of INFN.
- Report from Richard on the US DoE budget situation for 2008 and its foreseen impact on Geant4 developments at SLAC. This is summarized in his e-mail to the OB of 16 January subsequent to the teleconference. (Following this, Richard has also had further contact with some of the OB representatives).
- Brief poll of the funding and commitment status of the rest of the Collaboration for 2008. The situation appears overall relatively stable. A potential increase is being sought by IN2P3. ESA plans to publish an AO for two Geant4-related R&D items this year.
- Brief report from John Apostolakis on SB issues. Geant4.9.1 was released on 14 December 2007. The process for the elections for new Working Group representatives is being finalised, and the elections are planned to be held in February time.
- Preparations for the delta review. Following the teleconference, Petteri discussed this with Richard and will contact the 2007 review chairman, Charlie Young (SLAC) to ascertain the availability of the reviewers for November 2008.