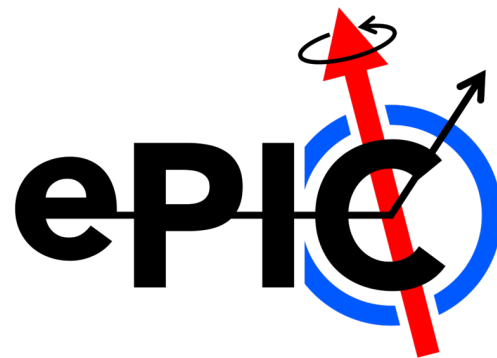


Collaboration Council News

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Early-Career Members of the Collaboration Council

The Collaboration Council was recently strengthened with three Early-Career Representatives:

Aranya Giri

Nicolas Schmidt

Maria Stefaniak

Congratulations on your recent election and thank you taking on this responsibility!

This was made possible by:

Derek Anderson, Alex Jentsch, and Tyler Kutz – who organized the Early-Career elections,

All candidates who ran in the election,

All who voted.

Thank you!

Collaboration Council Meetings on June 29 and 30

Focus was on institutions petitioning to join the collaboration:

- Taku Gunji, University of Tokyo 
- Daniel Brandenburg, The Ohio State University 
- Richard Leys, Ivan Peric, Nicolas Striebig, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology 
- Hwidong Yoo, Yonsei University 
- Minsuk Kim, Gangneung-Wonju National University 
- Regina Caputo, NASA Goddard Space Flight Center 
- Flera Rizatdinova, Oklahoma State University 
- Jason Lee, University of Seoul 
- Marielle Chartier, University of Liverpool 
- Beomkyu Kim, Sungkyunkwan University 
- Byunggu Cheon, Hanyang University 

Links: <https://indico.bnl.gov/event/19925/> and <https://indico.bnl.gov/event/19926/>

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A few words on the process:

Admission was automatic for the founding institutions; these institutions joined ePIC upon ratification of the Collaboration Charter. For institutions proposing to join the collaboration after the Charter was ratified, the Charter defines a two-step process:

1. The institutional representative makes a proposal to the Spokesperson,
2. The proposals are then presented to the Collaboration Council for review and vote.

At this stage in the Collaboration's evolution, it seems appropriate to ask proponents to introduce themselves and their institutions to the Collaboration Council, and outline how/where the proponents plan to contribute to the Detector and Collaboration.

All proposals were passed to Collaboration Council via the Spokesperson Office.

Voting was for/against/abstain on the admission of each individual institution. The Charter, section 4.2, stipulates that admission requires a 2/3 super-majority in favor. The Collaboration Council has 174 members. A 2/3 super-majority thus implies a voting threshold of 116.

Electronic voting was opened on June 30 and concluded past Tuesday, July 11 at 5pm ET. 136 valid votes were cast by that time. Overwhelming majorities (> 116) voted in favor of admission of each of the institutions.

Collaboration Council Meetings on June 29 and 30

Please join John, Silvia, Bernd, and myself in welcoming our new collaborators and collaborating institutions:

- Taku Gunji, University of Tokyo 
- Daniel Brandenburg, The Ohio State University 
- Richard Leys, Ivan Peric, Nicolas Striebig, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology 
- Hwidong Yoo, Yonsei University 
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Collaboration Council Committees

The Election Committee – John Arrington, Helen Caines, Domenico Elia, and Or Hen – is in the process of organizing elections for three Collaboration Council Committees. Collaboration-wide nominations for the chair and vice chair open since May 23, 2023.

- Membership Committee

“The Membership Committee (MC) is responsible for the development of the Membership policy and oversight of its fair implementation. The Membership Policy shall define the process for establishing and maintaining "Good Standing" status for Collaboration members, and the requirements for the authorship within EPIC. The committee will assist the Council in developing and enforcing, upon adoption of, the EPIC Membership policy.”

In addition to the responsibilities prescribed by the Charter, we will seek the Membership Committee’s input on strengthening the collaboration and on (managing) conflicts of interest with other scientific efforts.

- Candidates:

- Pietro Antonioli (INFN-Bologna)
 - Daniel Brandenburg (OSU)
 - Doug Higinbotham (JLab)
 - Peter Steinberg (BNL)

Collaboration Council Committees

- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee

“The Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Committee develops the Collaboration Code of Conduct (CoC) policy, and, upon approval of the policy by the CC, is in charge of maintaining it. It also handles any violations of it by members of the collaboration according to the policies specified in it. The Diversity, Equity and Inclusion committee will consist of a minimum of 5 members that shall cover a diverse representation of all backgrounds present in the collaboration, such as career status, regional representation, ethnicity, gender identity and sexual orientation, etc.”

- Candidates:
 - Megan Conners (GSU)
 - Vicki Greene (Vanderbilt)
 - Narbe Kalantarians (VUU)
 - Jerome Lauret (BNL)
 - Christine Nattrass (UTK, vice-chair only)

Collaboration Council Committees

- Conference and Talks Committee

“The Conference and Talk Committee (CTC) is responsible for the oversight and management of all oral and poster presentations given at scientific conferences on behalf of the Collaboration. This includes the selection of presenters, with the goal of equitable distribution of presentations across the Collaboration, as well as internal quality assurance, approval and archival of presentations, following effective and efficient procedures as detailed in the EPIC conference policy. The committee will assist the Council in developing and enforcing, upon adoption of, the EPIC conference policy. The Conference and Talks Committee, in particular their chair(s), will act as the interface between the collaboration and organizing committees of conferences as appropriate. The committee must have a DEI liaison to assist with equitable distribution of presenting opportunities.”

In addition, we will request that the Conference and Talks Committee be responsible for the oversight and management of proceedings and interfaces with the Talks Committee of the EIC User Group.

- Candidates:

Xuan Li (LANL)

Brian Page (BNL)

Nick Zachariou (U. of York)

Maria Zurek (ANL)

Bios and Statements have been solicited and voting will be opened shortly.

Many thanks to all Candidates willing to step forward for these roles and to the Elections Committee!

Collaboration Council – Looking Ahead

- Executive Board:

*“The role of the Executive Board is to counsel the Spokesperson on physics, policy, instrumentation choices and candidate suggestions for leadership positions. **Three at-large members are elected by the Collaboration Council with one additional member each to be selected by the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee and the Early Career Group.** The Spokesperson and Deputy Spokesperson(s), if applicable, are ex-officio members. Additional representatives may be appointed by the Spokesperson upon endorsement by the Collaboration Council. It is expected that top level activity coordinators will be members of the Executive Board.*

The terms of the elected at-large members of the Executive Board will be two years and limited to two terms.”

- Collaboration Council meeting in Warsaw on July 27, 2023

Topics will likely include: membership, meetings, workforce needs,
Unlikely to entail voting on major items,
Collaboration-wide input is sought and welcome – do not hesitate to reach out.