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Main activities since April

- Coordinate with Conference & Talks Committee and Council Chairs (three meetings, numerous emails)

- CT Policy ahead of PC policy. We agreed on several issues to have CT Policy in place for discussion at this meeting.

  - Publication categories, decision chain/work flow will be defined in PC policy (incl. proceedings)

  - An ad-hoc committee will be formed to define '_Drafting Guidelines for figures, plots, technical drawings_' that both policies will refer to.

- Draft a comprehensive publication policy for ePIC to be completed by October 2024.

Table of Content of PC policy draft

- Introduction
- <u>Workflow/Decision Chain from analysis to peer-reviewed journal</u>
- <u>Categories of publishable results</u>
- Publication guidelines
    1. Guidelines for primary authors
    2. Guidelines for Physics Working Group / Sim&Soft group / Technical Projects
    3. Guidelines for Internal Review Committee
    4. Guidelines for Collaboration Review
    5. Guidelines for Publication Submission
    6. Guidelines for Publication Re-submission
    7. Guidelines for Erroneous Publications
    8. Guidelines for Press Releases
- Accessibility of data and software
    - Inside the collaboration
    - Outside the collaboration
    - Book keeping of figures and paper versions during workflow
- Authorship guidelines
    - General paper authorship
    - Technical and software paper authorship
    - Guidelines for few author papers
    - Thesis guidelines

Categories & Decision Chain proposal

Categories are aligned with the evolution of the collaboration over the years. Workflow and decision chain can be adjusted accordingly

1.) conference proceedings – we agreed to adjust the decision chain to chain defined by the CT Committee for talks decisions Dependent on category 2, 3 or 4 the decision will be handed down by the PWG leaders, technical project leader or software project leader in consultation with the physics, technical or software coordinator.

2.) technical publications (decision chain: project leader, limited IRC upon request, PC)
- detector design
- detector response simulations
- test beam results

3.) simulation publications (decision chain: project leader/PWG convener, limited IRC, PC)
- physics simulations using specific models and/or specific detector components
- detector software development
- data analysis methodology development

4.) physics publications (decision chain: PWG convener, IRC, collaboration, 5-inst, PC)
- work in progress
- preliminary
- final

Open issues

- The role of upper management in the decision chain
  - spokesperson's office
  - council chairs
  - coordinators: physics, technical, software

- The proposed roles of the publication committee
  - choose the members of the Internal Review Committee after soliciting input from PWG and Pas
  - coordinate two rounds of collaboration review
  - choose one member of the PC to conduct a final review of the paper after the IRC releases it to the PC
  - choose the five institutions for the institutional reviews.
  - approve the final IRC version of a paper after institutional and collaboration review.

- **The size of the final Publication Committee** (or Editorial Board) to guarantee fair representation of the collaboration.