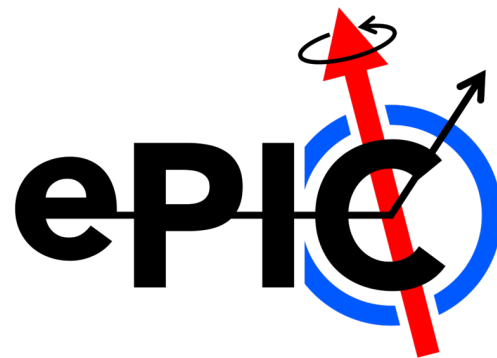


Collaboration Council News

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Collaboration Council Meeting past October 27, 2023

Reminders: collaboration council meetings are open to all collaborators, except for the closed session

materials are on the ePIC indico site – <https://indico.bnl.gov/event/20856/> in the case of the Oct. 27 mtg.

Main agenda items:

- Two groups petitioning to join the Collaboration:
 - Takashi Hachiya and Maya Shimomura, Nara Women's University 
 - Balasz Ujvari, University of Debrecen 
- Collaboration Council Committees following the election of chair-lines, in particular:
 - Membership Committee – Peter Steinberg (Chair), Pietro Antonioli (Vice-chair)
 - Conferences and Talks Committee – Maria Żurek (Chair), Brian Page (Vice-chair)
 - DEI Committee – Megan Connors (Chair), Christine Natrass (Vice-Chair)
- Executive Board following the election of its at-large membership
- Update from the Spokesperson's Office – already covered in this meeting by Silvia Dalla Torre

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A few words on the process for new groups petitioning to join the ePIC Collaboration:

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 had 185 members as of October 27, 2023. A 2/3 super-majority thus implied a voting threshold of 124.

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Electronic voting was opened on November 6, 2023 and concluded past Monday, November 27, 2023 at 5pm EST with 139 out of 185 votes cast. Both petitions met with votes in favor by the required super-majority.

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

- Takashi Hachiya and Maya Shimomura, Nara Women's University



- Balasz Ujvari, University of Debrecen



Collaboration Council Committees

- 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.

- Elected Chair-line:

 - Peter Steinberg (BNL) – Chair

 - Pietro Antonioli (INFN-Bologna) – Vice Chair

- Proposed composition following the chair-line’s collaboration-wide call for nominations:

 - Friederike Bock (ORNL)

 - Helen Caines (Yale)

 - Douglas Higinbotham (JLab)

 - Bedangas Mohanty (NISER)

 - Silvia Niccolai (ICJLAB)

 - Marzia Rosati (Iowa State)

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- 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.”

- Elected Chair line:

Brian Page (BNL) – Vice Chair

Maria Żurek (ANL) – Chair

- Proposed composition following the chair-line’s collaboration-wide call for nominations:

Barbara Jacak (UCB, LBNL)

Daniel Brandenburg (Ohio State)

Dmitry Kalinkin (Kentucky)

Nick Zachariou (York)

Nicola Rubini (INFN Bologna)

Xuan Li (LANL)

Wouter Deconinck (Manitoba) – DEI Liaison

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Voting was for/against/abstain on the endorsement of the proposed composition of the Membership Committee and, separately, on the proposed composition of the Conferences and Talks Committee. Voting is postponed in the case of the DEI committee in view of an unanticipated change in availability of one of proposed committee members.

Electronic voting was opened on November 6, 2023 and concluded past Monday, November 27, 2023 at 5pm EST with 139 out of 185 votes cast. Convincing majorities voted in favor of the proposed compositions for the Membership Committee as well as for the Conferences and Talks Committee. These Committees are thus endorsed. We will return to the DEI Committee in a future Collaboration Council meeting.

Thank you to the Chairs, Vice-Chairs, and all Committee members for taking on these important roles!

Reminder – Publication Committee: Rene Bellwied (Houston) and Annalisa Mastroserio (Bari), in their roles as elected Chair and Vice Chair, have recently called for nominations, including self-nominations, for the publication committee. Please reach out to them if this is of interest to you or if you have suggestions.

Collaboration Council – Executive Board

Charter: 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 CC. 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.

Three at-large members were elected by the Collaboration Council in a vote that concluded just before the October 27, 2023 meeting. The at-large members are:

- Taku Gunji
- Barbara Jacak (UCB, LBNL)
- Paul Newman (Birmingham)

The Early Career group has selected:

- Fernando Flor (Yale)

The DEI Committee (Chair-line) has selected:

- Megan Connors (Georgia State)

Top-level coordinators are identified by the (already endorsed) management plan:

- Markus Diefenthaler (JLab) – Computing Coordinator
- Rosi Reed (Lehigh), Salvatore Fazio (Calabria) – Analysis Coordinators,

The management plan further identified the Collaboration Council Chair and Vice-Chair as non-voting members.

The Spokesperson and Deputy Spokesperson are ex-officio members by the Charter.

Since no additional members were proposed at the October 27, 2023 meeting of the Collaboration Council, no (further) endorsement vote was deemed necessary and the above thus constitutes the Executive Board membership.

Collaboration Council – Looking ahead

The next Collaboration Council meeting will be on Friday, January 12, 2024 and is part of the Collaboration Meeting at ANL,

The meeting will start at 9am EST; this compromise factors in your feedback – thank you – and various constraints,

Several Collaboration Council matters will proceed prior to this meeting, including:

- Council Committees – in particular, the DEI, Publications, and Elections committee matters,
- Individual Membership by Institution

Timely responses are much appreciated and feedback is, as always, sought and welcome.