

## Institutions petitioning to join ePIC

- As a reminder, 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:
  - The institutional representative makes a proposal to the Spokesperson,
  - 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. Recent precedent includes institutions petitioning to join the ePIC Collaboration during the Collaboration Council Meeting in January and in March.

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- As the Collaboration evolves further, the process will need to evolve as well. Considerations for the possible evolution of the process for future admissions of institutions will be discussed in the update from the Membership Committee later in this meeting. For today's petition, the process is unchanged and as described above.
- The proposals presented in this meeting was passed to us via the Spokesperson Office.
- Voting is proposed to be for/against/abstain on the admission of each individual institution and will be handled by the Collaboration Council Chair and Vice-Chair. Voting will be electronic and will remain open for two weeks, unless a longer period proves necessary to reach a quorum. The Charter, section 4.2, stipulates that admission requires a super-majority in favor. The Charter, section 5.3, expresses the expectation that Council Members actively participate in voting (and stipulates consequences of systemic non-participation).

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- Welcome to our guests today:
  - Matthew Nguyễn — Laboratoire Leprince-Ringuet
  - Ahmed Hamed — American University in Cairo
  - Meenu Thakur — Central University of Haryana
  - Amal Sarkar — IIT Mandi