

ePIC's 1st Author List



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Our publication policy is being actively rewritten. For now, we refer to the version approved in 2025.

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Publication Policy

5.1 General paper authorship

An official ePIC Author List will be maintained by the Publication Committee and published on the ePIC Author List website.

At least once per year, the Spokesperson shall solicit an author list from each institution via the ePIC council representative. Inclusion in the institution's author list implies that the individual must have worked on ePIC for at least six months and must be 'in good standing' according to the membership rules. In general, collaborators on an institution's author list are encouraged to contribute to some aspect of the design, construction, and operation of ePIC. Authors who have been collaborators for at least one full year will remain on the institution's author list for one year after leaving the Collaboration.

Changes to the institution's author list may be made between annual solicitations by communicating these to the Publication Committee by email.

Author list requirements based on the Charter and the Publication Policy

- 1) Collaborator is a member of an ePIC institution
- 2) Collaborator was flagged as an author in either the 2025 or 2026 SOS
- 3) Collaborator's member institution passed the 0.15 FTE/author threshold in 2025 SOS.
Note, if institution did not meet threshold, but member did, then they are still eligible to be author according to 4.4.2 in Charter.
- 4) If institution joined in 2025, the collaborator's member institution passed the 0.15 FTE/author threshold in 2026 SOS.
- 5) Members of institutions that joined in 2026 are not eligible (6 month rule)
- 6) Collaborators that joined in 2026 are not eligible (6 month rule)

The membership committee produced v1 of the author list by applying conditions 1)-5) to the data from the SOS documents and the phonebook. Condition 6) was only applied in most recent version (v3).

Timeline

- June 11 - Author list v1 distributed to CC reps
- June 11 - Request CC reps to submit, via the google form, all additions/subtractions and corrections to the author list, external author nomination and funding acknowledgements.
- June 17 - Bug squashed in extraction tool – author list v2 distributed to CC reps
- June 26 - Received 71 responses via google form.
- June 30 - CC, membership, publication chairs and spokes meet to discuss google form submissions.



OUTCOMES

1. Membership committee works with CC reps to correct phonebook entries and reconcile SOS contributions.
2. Membership committee removed all authors that joined in 2026 – apply condition 6)
3. Membership committee added all authors that passed FTE requirements from institutions that didn't meet authorship requirements in 2025.
4. Publication committee work with AC's to approve compiled list of graduate student author nominations.
5. Publication committee work with AC's to approve compiled list of external author nominations for contributors that are not members of ePIC.

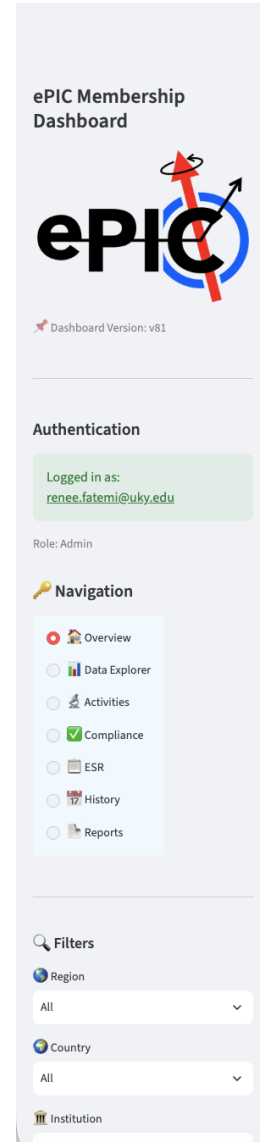


v3 Author List

New Tool: ePIC Membership Dashboard

<https://phonebook-dashboard-dev.apps.sdcc.bnl.gov/>

- Developed by Eric Lancon for membership committee
- Documents author list selection and exclusion.
- Allows for automated extraction of list of author-eligible members.
- Essential piece of infrastructure that will facilitate next author-list exercise.

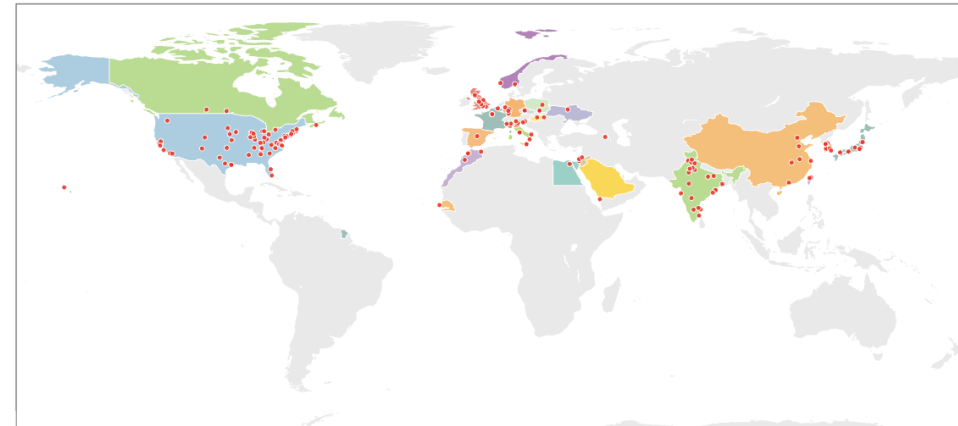


Countries
27

Institutions
186

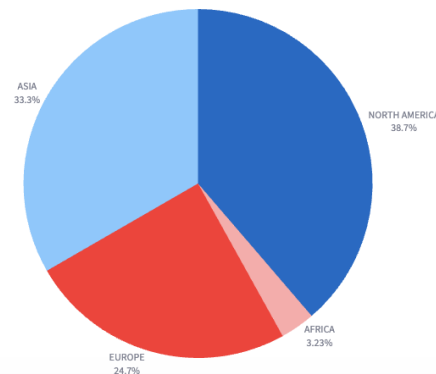
Collaborators
1149

Global Distribution



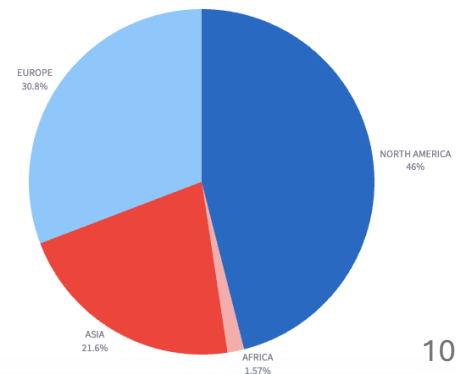
Institutions by Region

Total Institutions: 186 (2026)



Collaborators by Region

Total Collaborators: 1149 (2026)



Points of Discussion

A. Exclusion of members joining in 2026

- Motivated by 6-month rule 2025 in publication policy. Not clear when 6-month clock starts - paper submission or acceptance? Is data in phonebook reliable enough for implementation for ESR?
- Updated publication policy needs to address implementation of 6-month rule. For ESR - is 2026 condition acceptable?

B. Undergraduate Student Authors

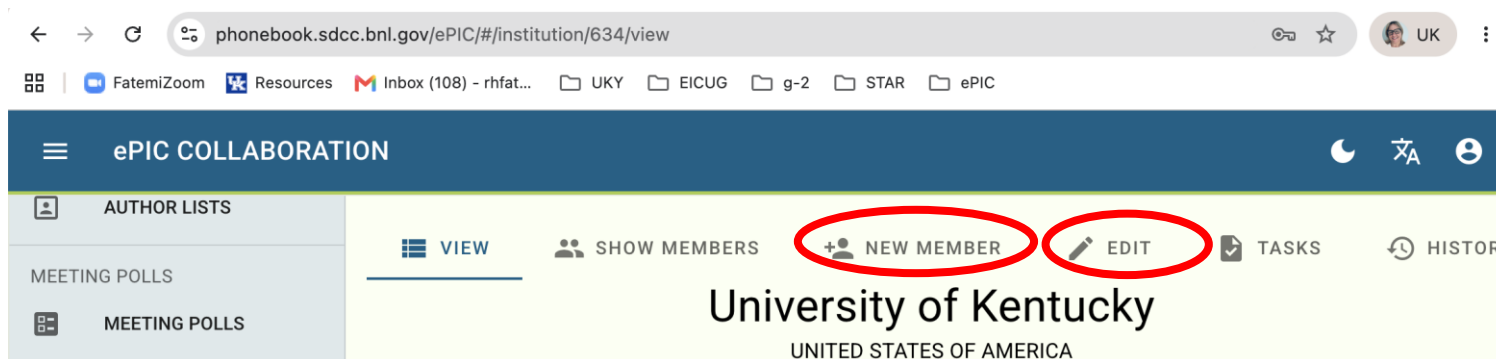
- Per the charter undergraduate students cannot be members of ePIC institutions and therefore they cannot be authors. All undergraduate authors must proceed via the exception policy, via nomination by CC rep to Spokesperson and Publication Committee chair.
- Only students that contributed directly to the ESR publication were approved for authorship. This is based on Section 4.4.3 of the new Charter.

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Lessons Learned

A. Maintain your institution's phonebook entry

- All CC reps can edit their institution's phonebook entry – let us know if you don't see the EDIT tab.
- Please keep the member list in the phonebook up-to-date. See NEW MEMBER tab.
- Double check join and leave dates for your members as this will affect 6-month rule and affiliation



B. Consider carefully SoS statements

- SoS entries are the basis for author eligibility
- Several cases where someone contributed directly to the ESR and was not on the institute SoS.
- These issues almost always affect early career members

C. Undergraduate Student Authors

- Undergraduates cannot be ePIC members so they should not be flagged as authors in the phone book.
- If you have undergraduates that contributed to a topic/paper, nominate them for authorship then the relevant paper is being discussed.

Please review the current version of the author list and acknowledgements and send feedback to Thomas and Renee by July 20th.

Thank you!

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4.5 Authorship

The application of the authorship policies, defined in a specific policy document, will be the responsibility of the Publication Committee (PC), however, some guidance is provided here. The minimum requirement is that an author should be a member in good standing (MGS). However, each author will also need to qualify by providing a well-defined contribution to EPIC as the basis for their authorship. It is expected that the work required for qualification will involve a task requiring about **six** months to complete, to facilitate involvement from members with shorter-term positions. This will only be needed once in a member's tenure in EPIC, unless they leave or are dismissed, whereupon a requalification may be needed.

On individual papers, exceptional authorship can be granted for specific cases, and typically for individuals who contributed substantially to the publication. Examples include collaborators who left EPIC less than a year ago, non-PhD students, or even non-members who contributed substantially to a paper or analysis. Approval of exceptions is made by the spokesperson and publication committee.

Individual members who are dismissed for cause lose their authorship status immediately, and become ineligible for inclusion on future EPIC papers.

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4.1.2 The number of Institute Representatives of each Member Institution depends on the number of Collaborators at the Member Institution and is defined below. **Collaborators can include PhD scientists, graduate students, engineers, and other technical staff.** Collaborators with multiple affiliations select one Member Institution to represent them in the CC.

**Note that the language in first version of the charter is the same - “Within a group, Collaboration members will include PhD scientists, graduate students, engineers and other technical staff. However, qualification for authorship on publications may be modified in the future.”*