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Dear ASEPS Shanghai kick-off meeting participants:

As proposed during the Shanghai kick-off meeting, we are now forming four working groups to discuss and solve various problems hampering the cooperation between the 2 regions. The topics for each working group are as follows (from the kick-off meeting minutes):

WG mandates:

- **WG1: Large scale science platforms for future**
How to build organisational structures to handle region wide and inter-regional wide large scale projects, sometimes called mega science programs? Can some of the major infrastructures be shared between the 2 regions in a world-wide framework (see the ESFRI list in Europe and the various 10-20 years road-map both in Europe and Asia)? How countries should be involved: treaties, specific agreements, commitment, simple MOU ...?
- **WG2: New initiatives for inter-disciplinary and innovative frontiers**
How to foster more interdisciplinary cooperation to explore new frontiers and to nurture creativity and innovation? How to build research networks in topics involving many research fields? How to transfer research knowledge to other research fields and to the industry to contribute solving the scientific/societal needs (energy, environment, health issues...)?
- **WG3: Training and nurturing young scientists.**
How to run the training activities: through international schools, Euro-Asia research training centres? How to involve developing countries in basic research? How to support national projects in the developing countries? How to involve developing countries researchers in international large scale programs?
- **WG4: Removing barriers and creating new opportunities in international cooperation between Europe and Asia.**
How to remove the many barriers that are slowing down efforts to setup international programs? In particular, due to:
 - The regulations in importing/exporting apparatus for the science research, the tax exemption on materials and equipments exchange

- The difference in funding systems of the many different agencies involved in supporting an international project.
- The lack of a special international researcher status.

The questions raised here are only given as indication, the first task of the WG is to elaborate on and define comprehensively the important issues.

Procedure to form the WG:

During the Shanghai kick-off meeting, the attendants were invited to join the working groups. Since then, some attendants have proposed additional candidates. The current member list is attached (Annex I). It is important to have a wider representation especially from countries which did not have delegates at the meeting. The secretariat will circulate invitations to a wider community using our mailing list which contains more than 700 people. In addition, however, we would like the attendants of the kick-off meeting to introduce and nominate more people. We will continue to call for the membership till the end of September. Registration is made by sending a mail to aseps-secretariat@ml.post.kek.jp, indicating name, affiliation, position, country (of institute), e-mail address and the working group name to join.

Selection of the conveners and local contacts:

From the WG member list, the chairpersons of the Summit (i.e. NM and DPG) will nominate the conveners (one from Asia and one from Europe) and vice-conveners (if needed). The chairpersons will take account of the regional balance and opinions from the members, which will be expressed at the nomination stage, i.e. now. If you have opinion on this please send to aseps-secretariat@ml.post.kek.jp (the members of the mailing list are, only, the chairpersons (NM and DPG) and scientific secretaries (Junpei Fujimoto (KEK) and Katsuo Tokushuku(KEK)) and the ASEPS secretary (Mitsue Noji), and we keep your inputs confidential.)

In addition to conveners, we propose to assign a Japanese WG member as a local contact person to each working group. The local contacts will help for the organisation issues of the March summit.

Format and Program of the March summit:

As for now, the first day is for the opening speeches and some key-note talks. A poster session will also be held, which will be the trigger for the next step i.e. to

form the scientific working groups.

The second day is devoted fully for the four working groups. There will be two sessions in the morning and two in the afternoon (one per working group). Tentatively each working group has about 100 minutes in the program, which corresponds to 3 thirty minute talks for each (or 4 25-minute talks, which is not so recommended). An important task of the working groups is to find the speakers in the close communication with the chairpersons. The sessions in the second day are for problem-presentations and hints for solutions. Summaries will be given the next day.

The third day is for the conclusion. In one of the morning sessions, one convener of each group will summarize the outcome of the working group. Since the problems discussed in each working group might be correlated, some cross-over talks can be assigned in the other morning session. One option might be to have talks from a few specific scientific projects as case studies that the problems raised in the WGs are relevant to the specific topics. Summaries of the poster session are also included. The afternoon session is the final session with a grand summary talk and some concluding messages.

In the case that separate WG meetings are needed, we will reserve some rooms in the evenings of the first and second days.

Supports for discussion and communication

The official ASEPS site: <http://aseps.kek.jp>, is a showroom for general information.

- Let us know, if you want your organisation logo to be shown on this page
- Send us (nice) picture of physics projects that could be included in the slideshow

In addition, a set of Wiki sites has been set up to help spreading information about ASEPS and organising the discussion between:

1. The public and the Organizing Committee (OC):
<http://aseps.in2p3.fr> (readable with the world, writable by the OC)
(More organisation logo to be added, same as for the ASEPS Official site)
2. The ASEPS participants and the OC:
<http://tinyurl.com/ASEPS-Intranet>
(or <http://aseps.in2p3.fr/cgi-bin/twiki.source/bin/viewauth/ASEPSIntra/WebHome>)

for specific information to the participants and for organising the discussion between the participants.

3. The organising committee members:

<http://tinyurl.com/ASEPS-Steering-Committee>

(or <http://aseps.in2p3.fr/cgi-bin/twiki.source/bin/viewauth/ASEPSFrSC/WebHome>)

Links have been set to navigate between the various sites, but to access site (2) **you have to register** first here:

<http://tinyurl.com/Twiki-Registration>

(or <http://aseps.in2p3.fr/cgi-bin/twiki.source/bin/view/TWiki/TWikiRegistration>)

After registration, you will receive a mail informing you that you are now granted with the access rights, this is not automatic, please allow a few hours...

In addition an ASEPS Blog has been created for an easier open discussion with the general public; please check here, and comments:

<http://aseps-blog.blogspot.com/>

Work plan

We will discuss these matters through WG mailing lists till the Summit. There are some important milestones in the discussions.

1. Creation of the mailing-lists for WGs (in a few days)

You can submit your mail to aseps-wg1@ml.post.kek.jp, etc, to communicate with the group members. The members of the WG can submit the mail freely. Mails from non-members are inspected by the ASEPS secretaries before the circulation in order to keep limited numbers of SPAM mails.

2. Nomination of Speakers in the summit (by the end of October)

3. Call for the poster presentation. This can be closely related to form scientific working group after the summit. The announcement will be prepared in September.

4. Midterm discussions during the second kick-off meeting in Europe (in Dec/Jan?)

Annex I

Current WG member list

WG	Asia	Europe
WG1: Large scale science platforms for future	Wei-Shu Hou, XD Ji, In Soo Ko, T. Motobayashi, Z. Zhao	B. Rubio, T. Nakada,
WG2: New initiatives for inter-disciplinary and innovative frontiers	Raynien Kwo, Y-G. Ma, H. Takabe, K. Ueda	E. Auge, V. Shvetsov,
WG3: Training and nurturing young scientists.	S. Kim, B. Ma, Yung-Sheng Liu, M. Namiki,	
WG4: Removing barriers and creating new opportunities in international cooperation between Europe and Asia.	M. Arai, Ching-Ray Chang, H. Cheong,	Lan Zuo Gillet, D. Lee

