

Professors' meeting 04.03.22

Agenda

1. Welcome and minutes of the meeting of 12.11.21
2. New managing director of the institute: Katharina Müller
3. Future development of FB 2 (Physics)
4. New funding opportunity: Emeritus-Stiftung
5. Update on Building 56
6. Schrödinger Colloquium
7. Ukraine
8. Misc & Varia

Minutes of meeting 12.11.21

4. Head of institute administration

There is a strong incentive by the dean's office and the university management to create a position of institute head of administration. Details on the financing are currently clarified with the dean's office. The scope of the position is discussed in detail. See slides for tentative task description.

New managing director

Katharina Müller

- PhD at H1 experiment at DESY
- Postdoc: DESY and Heidelberg
- since 2000 back at UZH
 - LHCb & H1 experiments
 - Student Advisor, Study coordination
 - Outreach for the institute: Annual report, Open Days, Scientifica, lab tours, newsletter, ...
 - Outreach for MNF: Science Lab, Science Exploratorium

New managing director

Tasks

- Closely working together with head of department
- Administrative part of the institute (personnel, reports) budgets, controlling, planning of meetings
- Implementation of strategic goals and measures
- Contact person for the university, especially MNF
- Contact person for people of our institute

Future development of FB2 (Physics)

- MNF looks into restructuring the ICS, and to better coordinate its contributions to teaching
- New MSc Astrophysics will be established in HS23
- ICS (Astrophysics) or a newly formed Astrophysics Institute will coordinate teaching with Physics Institute (as part of FB2)
- Should reflect on opportunities for curriculum extensions and changes

Emeritus-Stiftung

- UZH Physics and Mathematics institutes were contacted by the administrators of a to-be-established foundation (Emeritus-Stiftung) planning to fund research projects in either department
- Foundation is funded by a bequest from a private donor
- Had meeting with administrators on February 21
- Workflow: Physics and Mathematics make pre-selection (~4 projects), final selection by foundation council (administrators)
- Project duration 1-2 years, volume and budget comparable to FK applications
- Applicant must be professor at UZH
- Aim for projects in fundamental research addressing original and concise questions (research question should be broadly accessible)
- Launch in 2022, submission until April 15

Update on Building Y56

- Plans for rebuilding for CMS, Condensed matter and IMPACT proposal 'Demeter'
- For portfolio management: value of reconstruction until ~2038, description of upgrades
- No timely implementation possible, no changes to the walls allowed
- Plans adjusted accordingly, but now priority was downgraded
- Urgency of Y56 reconstruction stressed for the CMS project, might need support to be realized this year

Schrödinger Colloquium

- Past months: several articles that took up the topic of Schrödinger and his relationship to young and partly underaged women
[Link to articles](#)
- Trinity College Dublin renamed their Schrödinger lecture hall
- Internal discussion: [position statement](#) for the Schrödinger Colloquium
ask the opinion of the representatives of the bodies

Schrödinger Colloquium: Feedback

- Students: ok with the name as long as it is clear that it is about the science
- ATP: rename: 5 no, 3 yes
A neutral name should be chosen in case of renaming
Position of the Physics Department should be clearly communicated
- PhD/Postdoc: name can stay
- FFL: Colloquium is named to honour the scientific legacy, therefore no need to rename. This should be made more clear
A lecture series in honour of E.S. → A lecture series to honour E. S.' scientific legacy; maybe put the formula on the poster
Should accusations be substantiated and flagrant violations of norms or laws be established, the colloquium should be renamed
A neutral name should be chosen in case of renaming

Ukraine

- Russian invasion of Ukraine: UZH looks for unbureaucratic solutions to help scientists and students from Ukraine ([Statement](#) from UZH)
Students will be admitted as guest students and get financial support
- Contact Thomas and Katharina if you are looking for help for scientists or students
- Scientists: Google Doc [Labs supporting Ukrainian Scientists](#)

Miscellaneous information

- Covid19-restrictions largely lifted
- Open positions
 - Experimental Astroparticle Physics: review of applications in committee meeting on March 31, institute members on committee: Gino, Laura, Florencia, Thomas
 - Experimental Quantum Matter by-design: process ongoing

Varia

- Next meetings
 - (April 1), May 6, June 3, October 7, November 4, December 2
- Will start lecture planning for HS23/FS24 soon
- Management board meeting March 8
 - Global budgets for professorships
 - SNF consolidator grants
 - Double Career Candidate
- Institute event (instead of Christmas dinner): suggestions welcome
- Annual report: some input is still missing, aim for mid March
- Outreach: help needed from PhD or Postdoc