

Meeting of Funding Agencies to discuss the status and funding prospects for large colliders. Tenth meeting held at Heathrow airport, London on 22 January 2007.

1. The tenth meeting of representatives from CERN (DG and President), Canada (NRC), France (CNRS), Germany (BMBF), Italy (INFN), Japan (MEXT), Korea (MOST), UK (PPARC), the US (DOE and NSF) and the Chairs of ICFA and the ILCSC was held in London on 22 January 2007.
2. The Group held a further discussion on Terms of Reference that set out its role and what could be expected of it by Governments. These Terms of Reference emphasise the role of encouraging co-operation and global coordination and will be sent to Governments in summer 2007. A first annual public report from FALC is scheduled for November 2007.
3. Professor Barish gave a report on the process undertaken to complete the RDR, and its outcome. The Group congratulated Professor Barish and the GDE team on the progress made towards a robust design for a linear collider that would be upgradeable to 1TeV. It was noted that the outcome of the RDR had been reviewed by the ILCSC Machine Advisory Committee and that it would become public at the ICFA meeting in Beijing in February 2007. The Group believed that the costing procedures provided a sound basis to develop towards an EDR costing. It noted that the current timescale was for an EDR in 2010, and a 7 year construction period, beginning in 2012.
4. The Group considered the expertise required amongst the members of the previously agreed review of the RDR, to be commissioned under the ILCSC, and agreed to confirm the names of the members nominated by FALC by the end of January 2007.
5. The Group welcomed the plan by the GDE to define the potential work programme for the engineering design phase by mid 2007.
6. The Group noted progress on the study of the technological applications of the R&D for a linear collider and that a final report was expected in November 2007.

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