

## July 28, 2006 SHUG Executive Committee Conference Call:

Members Present (5):

Despina Louca  
Mark Lumsden  
Steve Shapiro  
Ersan Ustundag  
Igor Zaliznyak

Also attending:

Al Ekkebus from SNS

### 1. Next User Group Meeting, 2007

As there will be experimental results from some SNS instruments by next summer, Fall 2007 may be a good time for a meeting

Do we want to overlap this meeting with the CNMS user meeting? CNMS is operational, receiving proposals and running experiments.

Is there enough overlap between the two to warrant an overlapping meeting?

For reference, we had about 240 people at our last user meeting.

Despina was originally thinking that summer would be a good time for a meeting. However, LUHAN has their user meeting in June and the NIST summer school is held in June as well. In addition, many people travel during summer months.

All agree that either September or October would be a good time for a meeting. Due to teaching concerns, it is agreed that October makes more sense.

**[Action Item]** The next SNS/HFIR User Meeting will be in October 2007.

The CNMS typically has their meeting in June but, as mentioned above, this doesn't work very well for us.

Al will talk to CNMS to discuss their schedule and find out how interested they'd be in overlapping meetings.

All agree that overlapping meetings make much more sense than joint meetings. The best scenario would be a one day overlap between the two.

The CNMS meeting will be coordinated by Tony Haynes in CNMS user office. Several questions will need to be asked to Tony: Are they interested in overlapping meetings?

How would October work for them? If the responses to these questions are favorable, then we could consider overlapping meetings.

\* Igor asks Steve Shapiro if he can co-chair the meeting and Steve agrees.

Before the next conference call, we should think about which sessions we may want at the meeting. At the time of the next meeting, there will be several new instruments coming online and we should think along the lines of the capabilities they provide.

## 2. SNUG Meeting on October 15<sup>th</sup>

Next month, facilities will be asked for supporting information. It is desired to have a joint meeting with the high energy community.

There will potentially be 2 trips in the fall with a joint meeting in December.

It is expected that Roger Pynn will attend representing NSSA together with Tonya Kuhl representing the LANSCE Users Group.

The issue, once again, was raised as to whether we should have a permanent SNUG representative whose sole responsibility would be advocating with SNUG.

This would provide continuity by having a specific person.

For now, all agree that our representative should be Despina and the issue of a SNUG representative should be put off until the next election.

## 3. Vice-Chair

Send votes to Despina as soon as possible so we can rank the eligible vice-chair nominees. Send in a ranked list from 1 to 3.

**[Action Item]** Despina will send out a reminder email message to Executive Committee members with instructions.

## 4. HFIR Status

The SNS sends out regular update reports providing information on the current status and the updated schedule.

It would be nice to have similar information for HFIR given the cold source project.

Something could be sent out from the SHUG executive committee containing updated information from both SNS and HFIR.

Most users aren't aware of the projected schedule for instruments at HFIR. In addition, users are not aware of other information, for instance, the lack of money for one of the most desired instruments, the CG-1 cold triple-axis spectrometer.

**[Action Item]** We should encourage HFIR (Greg Smith) to produce a more informative web site describing instruments at HFIR, their current status, and projected schedule.

**[Action Item]** Mark will ask Greg to provide information so that a newsletter can be put together either from SHUG or from HFIR directly.

We should aim for an October newsletter.

**[Action Item]** For our next conference call, in September, we should discuss the program for the User's Meeting together with updates on the upcoming SNUG meeting.