Hello to you all,

The Neutrino Factory/Muon Collider Notes database has served its
purpose well but the time has come to replace it with something new and better.

Its replacement is DocDB which is supported by the Fermilab Computing Division.
This product provides significantly more functionality than the
current database. For example there are no restrictions on the kind of
documents that can be uploaded. The database stores multiple versions
of a document so you can make a revision without losing the old
document. The new database also allows you to create meetings with
agendas and post the talks.

The new link is

http://nfmcc-docdb.fnal.gov/

In order to post documents you will need to access the Private
area. We have kept the same username and password as the old database
to make this easier. It is also possible to use a DOE Grid certificate
to access the Private area. This is not required at the moment but
might be at some point in the future. If you want to obtain a Grid
Certificate then click on the link and you will be taken to a page
that tells you how to get one. Likewise if you already have one then
you can use it to access the database. Click on the same link and
select the link in item 2.1 which will send an access request to
the administrator.

All existing notes have been uploaded to the database. We have
preserved the numbers of the exisitng documents. The author list for
the old documents is stored in the Note field. You can search for old
documents by a particular author just by typing the author's name into
the Search text field or you can select the Advanced link if you want
to do something more complicated.

All the authors from the collaboration list should have been loaded. If you find someone
is missing or need to add a new author then select the Authors link and then the Add link
at the top of the page.

I have created an initial list of topics based on input from Juan Gallardo. I have created
two events categories, Collaboration Meetings and Friday Meeting. If there are others
please let me know and I will add them.

The 2 recent documents that were posted to the old database have been

uploaded into DocDB - their numbers have not been preserved. Write access to the old database will be removed. Read access will remain for a while.

I hope that using the new system is self-explanatory. There is online help available. I can help if you get really stuck. I can also show the Friday meeting organizer how to make an initial meeting agenda.

Basic posting instructions:
1. Select the Create or change documents link
2. Select the Create a new document button. You can specify the number of files to upload. It gives you three upload fields by default - you don't have to use all of them.
3. Fill out the information. Note that the abstract needs to be pasted into the box rather than uploaded as a separate file. If you want the document to be private you should select the ionization choice in the View box. You should also select ionization in the Modify box. Note that items marked with an asterisk are required fields when posting a document.
4. Hit submit.

You will no longer automatically receive email notification. If you wish to still be notified about new notes then you need to click on the Your Account button and create a personal account for yourself. You can then set the email notification preferences.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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