

Executive Summary of the 69th Board Meeting of the EPS Nuclear Physics Division, Santiago de Compostela, Spain, 17th - 18th April 2015

The 69th board Meeting of the EPS Nuclear Physics Division (EPS NPD) was held in Santiago de Compostela, Spain, 17th - 18th April 2015. Thanks are due to Lola Cortina Gil (University of Santiago de Compostela) who arranged and hosted the meeting.

The board welcomed five newly appointed board members: Wojtek Dominik (CERN), Jan Ryckebusch (Gent, Belgium), Alexander Sorin (Dubna, Russia), Nicola Colonna (Bari, Italy) and Calin Ur (Bucharest, Romania). It offered its thanks to two retiring members: László Csernai and Klaus Peters. Their places will be filled by election over the summer.

Preparations for the next two Divisional conferences: Nuclear Physics in Astrophysics VII, York, 18th - 22nd May 2015 and the 3rd European Nuclear Physics Conference, Groningen, 31st August – 4th September 2015 are progressing well and both conferences look like being very successful. Following on from our recent conference on the Physics and Technology of Fair (Worms, October 2014) the board is planning to hold a further facility-based divisional conference on the “Distributed EURISOL” programme. It is likely this conference will be held in 2016 or 2017.

The board endorsed Prof. Mehran Salehpour as winner of the 2015 IBA Prize for Applied Nuclear Science and Nuclear Methods in Medicine. The prize was awarded in recognition of Prof. Salehpour’s ground breaking work in improving the sensitivity of Accelerator Mass Spectrometry (AMS) measurements and developing new biomedical AMS applications.

The division approved the award of its European Nuclear Physics Thesis Prize for the most outstanding PhD thesis in experimental, theoretical or applied nuclear physics in the three-year period 2012 - 2014. The quality of the nominations was exceptional and the Division agreed to award three prizes of €1000 to the most outstanding candidates: Dr Jose Manuel Alarcon, Dr Liam Gaffney and Dr Christopher Walz. These will be presented at a ceremony on the final day of the 2015 European Nuclear Physics Conference in Groningen.

The next Division board meeting will be held in Leuven, Belgium, on 15th and 16th October 2015.