Have a safe day!

Tuesday, June 2
Noon
Summer Lecture Series - Curia II
Speaker: Pier Oddone, Fermilab
Title: Future of Fermilab
THERE WILL BE NO ACCELERATOR PHYSICS AND TECHNOLOGY SEMINAR TODAY

Wednesday, June 3
8 a.m.
Users' Annual Meeting
Registration - Auditorium Lobby
9 a.m.
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3:30 p.m.
DIRECTOR'S COFFEE BREAK - 2nd Flr X-Over
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Click here for NALCAL, a weekly calendar with links to additional information.

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Annual Users' Meeting begins tomorrow, register now

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Register for the meeting.

Feature

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Since 1981, the USPAS has been involving students in accelerator beam research and design work and its associated technologies. Few schools offer such classes. The two-week course attracts graduate and undergraduate students as well as career professionals seeking to stay up to date on the latest cutting-edge technology.

“I am very proud of their achievements and happy that the USPAS has played a role in their education in accelerator physics,” said Bill Barletta, USPAS director.

The winners are:

- Anna Grassellino, University of Pennsylvania: "Medium Field Q-Slope Studies in Superconducting Cavities"
- Evelyne Meier, Monash University: "Electron Beam Energy Stablization Using a Neural Network Hybrid Controller at the Australian Synchrotron Linac"
- Satomi Shiraishi, University of Chicago: "Diffusion Rate in Tevatron Using Flying Wire"
- Roark Marsh, Massachusetts Institute of Technology: "X-Brand Photonic Bandgap (PBG) Structure Breakdown Experiment"

The USPAS is a 12-member consortium comprising seven national laboratories of the Office of Science of the Department of Energy, two national laboratories of DOE’s National Nuclear Security Agency, two National Science Foundation university laboratories, and one office of the Department of Homeland Security.

-- Tona Kunz

European project, the LHC is becoming the global focus for particle physics, and it is safe to assume that future projects of a similar scale will be conceived as global from the start.

Much has been made of the CERN Council working group on geographical and scientific enlargement of CERN. This is, in my opinion, a necessary step for Europe to redefine its role on the global stage. Among the subjects being considered by the group is the current membership structure of CERN, offering differing conditions for Members, Observers and countries with collaboration agreements. In today’s world, is this still an appropriate structure? Probably not. The group will also pave the way for CERN to play the role it was created for – coordinating fundamental physics research in Europe, and representing Europe on the world stage.

The time is right for the particle physics community and its funding agencies to develop a truly global vision of the field. Some projects can be hosted by national labs and others by regional facilities. Some will be global from the outset. Whatever the scale, we must ensure that all the research we do is world-class, and that all our facilities are open to the free flow of scientists. We should ensure that where the science is worth doing, it is done, while being careful to use resources responsibly without duplication of effort.

The future of particle physics will be healthiest if there are strong national, regional and global projects, all coordinated on a global scale. The CERN Council working group is an important step in that direction. Today, globalization is a fact of life, and the particle physics community has the opportunity to show the way to better optimization of global resources.

Have a question for the CERN DG? Submit it [here](#).

Special Announcement

**Users’ Meeting offers a taste of the unusual**

Jeff Larson will conduct a Tesla coil demonstration Wednesday at 9:30 p.m.

Lightning synchronized to music will help conclude day one of the Users’ Meeting and launch the Users’ Outreach Workshop thanks to a project sponsored by the Department of Energy’s Office of Science, Office of Nuclear Physics. The program supports the growth of the next generation of nuclear physicists and scientists while providing a unique experience to the CERN users.”
to senior technician Jeff Larson's twin Tesla coils. At more than seven feet tall and capable of emitting more than 12 feet of sparks, the twin coils are sure to light up the Village at 9:30 p.m. June 3 in the parking lot of Lab 3.

Together, the musical Tesla coils can play everything from the theme to the Mario Brothers video game to the "Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy."

The music is created when a laptop computer signals the coil to produce a spark, which heats the air making a popping noise. Sparks emitted in rapid succession create a buzz and eventually a musical note. Larson will control the frequency of the sparks to create whole songs.

The electric show follows the 8 p.m. public lecture in Ramsey Auditorium that explains other, more contemporary uses for plasma. Tom Katsouleas, professor and dean, at Duke University's Pratt School of Engineering, will discuss the future of plasma wakefield accelerators and their industrial applications.

The Users' Meeting begins tomorrow at 9 a.m. This year's annual Users' Meeting will feature recent experiment results, the laboratory's future plans and physics updates from Washington D.C. and around the world. This year's highlights include lectures by: Department of Energy's Mike Procario, National Science Foundation's Jim Reidy, HEPAP's Mel Shochet, CERN's Sergio Bertolucci, KEK's Koichiro Nishikawa, and Fermilab's Director Pier Oddone.

Users' festivities will continue into Thursday with the Wonders of Physics demonstration during lunchtime in the cafeteria.

In the News

Dark-energy particle spotted?

From Nature, May 29, 2009

Reported 'chameleon' particle would change its mass to match its environs.

Cosmologists don't usually take their lead from the animal kingdom. But a model that postulates the existence of a 'chameleon' particle — which would change its mass depending on its surroundings — is gaining attention.

A new paper claims to have spotted signs of this elusive particle, whose existence was first
postulated in 2003 to explain the accelerating expansion of the Universe, which has been attributed to some unknown 'dark energy'. The changing mass of a chameleon particle would modify the range at which its force can act, thus possibly explaining why whatever causes the Universe's acceleration hasn't been detected on Earth. On Earth, the chameleon would be too heavy to create any noticeable force, but in the tracts of empty space, its effect would be huge.

Read more

Susan Werner - Singer/Songwriter Performs on Arts Series

Microsoft Office 2007 help at the Library

Process piping (ASME B31.3) class offered in October

Nanotechnology lecture: Crafting of Self-Assembling Materials for Medicine & Energy - Fermilab Arts Series

Science Adventures for children

Discounted rates at Grand Geneva Resort, Lake Geneva, WI

SciTech summer camps

Intermediate/Advanced Python Programming July 22-24

Additional Activities

Submit an announcement