

Report on Nuclear and Particle Physics Divisional Conference

University of Surrey, 3-5 May 2007

All feedback from delegates would indicate that this conference was a resounding success. There were 320 delegates from four of the affiliated groups (HEPP, Nuclear, Astroparticle and Gravitational). The meeting was preceded by a one-day satellite workshop on nuclear isomers (organised by Phil Walker from Surrey) and a HEPP/STFC Town Meeting.

The help of the IoP Conference Office (Claire Garland) needs to be acknowledged as that took much of the burden away from the organisers and worked very well indeed. The final budget will not be completed for some time but it can be reported that the meeting made a small profit. This was due to the original budget being calculated on the basis of 100 full-fee paying delegates. In fact, there were 144. This profit will be split equally between the IoP Conference Office and the Division. The latter funds can be used by the Division towards any future meetings in the next three years. If not it will be absorbed back into the IoP coffers.

What few negative issues that arose during the meeting were mostly resolved quickly and satisfactorily such as wireless Internet access and AV problems. As far as we know, accommodation, catering and, most importantly, the scientific programme were all excellent.

Website and registration issues have been criticised a little and this needs to be taken into account the next time the Division or groups run conferences with the IoP's help. Equally, the issue of student bursaries has been a problem. The conference received support from the Division and the groups and the HEPP delegates received support from PPARC (£7k) for bursaries. However, this arrived too late to be folded into the budget to lower student registration fees. However, these had already been set at half the full delegate fee. MG actioned to divide this money among all HEPP groups according to number of student delegates.

Claire Garland will be liaising with Tara Sheers to put all presentations on archive website. All speakers will be contacted to ask for permission and for a pdf of their presentation if we do not have it already.

Both co-chairs of meeting (JAK and MG) would like to thank all members of the organising committee for their efforts.

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