Dear DPF members,
Please find below the monthly DPF newsletter for December 2020. This newsletter will be archived on the DPF website. If you would like an announcement included in the January 2021 newsletter, to be sent out around January 15th, please contact the DPF Secretary/Treasurer. Please keep requests to 300 words and submit them by the 10th of the month for consideration.

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Dear colleagues,

Over the next year, the U.S. particle physics community will be engaged in Snowmass 2021, an in-depth process to define the most important questions for our field and to identify the most promising opportunities to address these questions in a global context.
The latest Snowmass newsletter is available at https://snowmass21.org/announcements.

New Snowmass Timeline
Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Snowmass Report will be delayed by one year and the overall schedule for the Snowmass process will be adjusted accordingly.
The new Snowmass timeline includes:

- Preliminary Topical Group Reports – Spring 2022
- Preliminary Frontier Reports – late Spring 2022
- Snowmass Community Summer Study – Summer 2022 in University of Washington, Seattle
- Snowmass Book – October 2022

The deadline for contributed papers will be delayed but the specific date will be decided by January 2021.
Originally scheduled frontier-level Spring 2021 workshops will be moved to later times. In January 2021, each Frontier will communicate with their own and related frontier communities to develop a detailed work plan. While our goal is to have uniformity among the frontiers, we will provide some flexibility to accommodate specific needs from various groups. Frontier plans will be established by January 31, 2021 and will be available at Snowmass wiki page.

Best regards,
Young-Kee Kim, DPF Chair
On behalf of the Snowmass Organization Team
Dr. Samuel Homiller (Harvard University) has been given the 2021 J. J. and Noriko Sakurai Dissertation Award in Theoretical Particle Physics by the American Physical Society.

This award recognizes exceptional young scientists who have performed original doctoral thesis work of outstanding scientific quality and achievement in the area of theoretical particle physics.

The citation reads:
“For the discovery of novel methods to elucidate the property of the Higgs, and qualitatively new possibilities for Higgs physics overlooked for many years.”

Our congratulations to Dr. Homiller on this honor.
DPF Bylaws Amendment Vote

Deadline: 31 December, 2020

An election to approve proposed amendments to the DPF bylaws is currently ongoing. DPF members should have received an email on how to view the proposed changes and register their vote. The election will close on December 31.