

November 2020 DPF Newsletter

Dear DPF members,

Please find below the monthly DPF newsletter for November 2020. This newsletter will be archived on the DPF website. If you would like an announcement included in the December newsletter, to be sent out around December 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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Snowmass News

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>.

Snowmass Community Planning Meeting

The CPM 2020 took place virtually between October 4 and October 8 with about 3,000 participants (attendance information can be found [here](#)). The overall program, presentations and recordings are available at <https://indico.fnal.gov/event/44870/>. The primary goal of the CPM was to develop plans or steps (“Snowmass Planning”) to achieve a successful Snowmass 2021 report. More information is available in the [October Snowmass Newsletter](#).

Thank you for submitting Letters of Interest (LoIs), 2-page informal documents including opinions, interests and proposals that could further be studied. These LoIs will help Snowmass conveners to prepare breakout sessions of the CPM meeting. We look forward to receiving more LoIs. Instructions for submitting them are available at <https://snowmass21.org/loi>

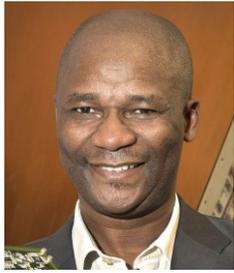
Best regards,

Young-Kee Kim, DPF Chair

On behalf of the Snowmass Organization Team

DPF Ethics Committee Membership

The members of the DPF Ethics Committee have been chosen and are listed below. Thanks to everyone who submitted nominations and expressed interest.

Ketevi Assamagan	BNL		William Barletta	MIT	
Melissa Franklin	Harvard		Maria Elena Monzani	SLAC	
Pavel Fileviez Perez	Case Western		Amber R. Roepe	U. Oklahoma	
Pekka Sinervo	U. Toronto		Ruth S. van de Water	FNAL	
Jeremy Wolcott	Tufts				

High Energy Physics Advisory Panel (HEPAP) Meeting

3-4 December, 2020

The next HEPAP meeting will occur on Thursday and Friday, December 3-4, 2020, and will take place as a virtual meeting online.

HEPAP meetings are open to the public and the meeting's agenda will be posted at:

<https://science.osti.gov/hep/hepap/Meetings>

The meeting will be webcast using Zoom and the connection information will be posted on the web page listed above.

Best regards,

John Kogut (DFO, HEPAP)

Announcement of DOE HEP Funding Opportunity

LOI Deadline: **15 December, 2020**
Application Deadline: **26 January, 2021**

Dear Colleagues –

During the coming Fiscal Year (FY), the Office of High Energy Physics (HEP) at the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) will be continuing the large-scale *comparative review* of research proposals submitted to our office by U.S. academic institutions. This will mark the 10th round of the process in our office, which will be conducted through the Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) titled “FY 2021 Research Opportunities in High Energy Physics” [DE-FOA-0002424], which was issued on November 17, 2020. The FOA is available online at <https://grants.gov> and at: <https://science.osti.gov/hep/funding-opportunities/>.

If you have an existing HEP research grant that has a project end-date between October 1, 2020 and September 30, 2021, inclusive, and would like to obtain future DOE support, you will need to respond to the above HEP comparative review FOA [DE-FOA-0002424]. The **due date for final applications** is **January 26, 2021, 5 PM Eastern Time**. Moreover, Letters of Intent (LOI) are requested to organize and expedite the merit review process. Consequently, the submission of a LOI is strongly encouraged but not required. The **due date for a LOI** is **December 15, 2020, 5 PM Eastern Time**. Requirements and guidelines for filing each are provided in the FOA. Upon submission of any *renewal* application, please also pay particular attention to timely submitting a completed ‘Renewal Proposal Product’, as described in Section II of the FOA.

If you do not currently have a HEP research grant and would like to apply for DOE support; or wish to make a proposal for a new research scope that is aligned with DOE/HEP’s program and mission; or are a new faculty member joining an existing HEP research group, you are strongly encouraged to apply to the comparative review DE-FOA-0002424. Most of the FY 2021 HEP research funding available for new or renewal grants will be allocated to the comparative review FOA, and there will be very limited funding available for research proposals submitted to other funding opportunity announcements in the Office of Science. Please note that as is the case for all proposals reviewed, any DOE support is subject to the applicant’s performance within the formal merit review process, the availability of funds, and/or programmatic factors and priorities.

If you have an existing HEP research grant, but it is *not* due for renewal in FY 2021, you will not need to submit a proposal to the comparative review process this year—just remember to submit your annual progress report through DOE’s Portfolio Analysis and Management System (PAMS). **The FY 2021 continuation of your award funding cannot be processed until your annual progress report has been submitted and accepted.** A separate email from PAMS will be forthcoming 120-days prior to the current budget period's end-date of your grant's continuation in order to begin the submission process for the progress report. Instructions, including PAMS-specific progress report screenshots, for completing and submitting the report are provided in Section 9.1 of the PAMS User Guide:

<https://pamspublic.science.energy.gov/WebPAMSEPSEExternal/CustomInterface/Common/ExternalUserGuide.pdf>

If you wish to submit a new proposal for non-recurring, or non-research, activity (e.g., conferences, workshops, or operations of an existing HEP-sponsored experiment), you should apply to the standard annual general Office of Science solicitation [DE-FOA-002414], also available via <https://grants.gov>.

Finally, in order to brief and inform the HEP community on the FOA process, as well as provide an overview of the DOE-supported HEP program, a Virtual DOE Principal Investigator (PI) Meeting was held via Zoom on 24– 26 August, 2020 (<https://www.ornl.gov/heppi2020>) Copies of the presentations from individual DOE/HEP program sessions at that meeting are available through this website.

I would like to thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation as we begin the next round of the comparative review process. In particular, we will need a significant cadre of experts to assist with the merit reviews. I fully expect the outcome will be a stronger U.S. HEP research program.

If you have any further questions regarding specific research program areas, please contact the respective DOE personnel listed in Section I of the FOA. For general questions regarding the review, please email sc.hepfoa@science.doe.gov and reference the HEP comparative review FOA number: **DE-FOA-0002424** in your inquiry.

Sincerely,
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