1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting held on 20 September (CERN/SCC/76-21) were approved.

2. PROPOSALS

"Further Studies of Lens Opacification in Mice after Exposure to 600 MeV Neutrons" CERN-CNEN Collaboration (CERN/SCC/76-16). In the light of the reports received from referees the Committee decided to recommend this proposal to the Research Board for approval and further to recommend the allocation of 20 shifts. If approved its experiment number will be SC 72.

3. REQUESTS FOR MACHINE TIME

G. Tibell reported that he had received requests for additional beam time for already approved experiments as follows:

(i) SC 66, Omicron, 30 - 40 shifts in the period up to Easter (see page 6 of CERN/SCC/76-24);
(ii) SC 65, CERN-Uppsala, 30 shifts up to the end of June for data-taking;
(iii) SC 68, Parma, ~ 30 shifts for data-taking;
(iv) SC 71, Legnaro-Trieste, 9 shifts in February for beam studies, outside the shift allocation already granted;
(v) ISOLDE; the Committee was informed that ISOLDE could use more than the 15 shifts per month allocated until now and that an allocation of about 40 shifts up to Easter would be desirable.

The decisions of the Committee on these requests were as follows:

(i) SC 65 : 30 shifts to the end of June
(ii) SC 66 : 10 shifts of main user time plus some time sharing at the discretion of the Coordinator
(iii) SC 68 : 30 shifts up to the end of June
(iv) SC 71 : time for beam tests to be arranged by the Coordinator in a parasitic fashion.
(v) ISOLDE : total amount of beam time in the period February to Easter 1977 to be 40 shifts.

The machine time allocations up to Easter are based on the assumption that the SC resumes operation on 31 January.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

There was an exchange of views on the Workshop announced by L. Van Hove to discuss the role of CERN in European intermediate energy physics.

5. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 22 March at 14.30 hours. Provisional dates for the subsequent meetings in 1977 are 14 June, 20 September and 6 December.
d) The Procedures for Physicists making Experiments at CERN have now been finalised and adopted. They have been distributed to all CERN Users in early October.

e) Groups are requested to provide regular information concerning the physicists participating in experiments, in particular all documents sent to the SCC should contain an up-to-date list of participants. It must also be remembered that changes in collaborating institutes require approval. The SCC Committee and CERN Directorate must be consulted.

f) An information meeting for all CERN Users had been held on 23 November at which mention was made of the foundation of a "Society of CERN Users'" (title still under discussion). Draft statutes had been circulated and comments would be welcomed by the Commission of Unpaid Associates.

Lastly the Research Director General mentioned that E.G. Michaelis would leave the SC Machine Group at the end of the year to move to EP Division. He expressed his thanks to him for his work over the years at the SC and for the essential contribution he had made to the operation and to the experimental programme of the SC Machine.

V. Soergel announced that:

(i) Professor Blaser had announced at the Berne meeting of SIN Users held on 24 September, that a small number of groups could in future work at the SIN machine on a limited scale without payment for beam time. Each individual application would be considered on its merits.

(ii) Two experiments had recently been completed at the SC, namely SC 21 (CERN-Pisa) and SC 55 (Karlsruhe-CERN).

3. RADIOBIOLOGY AT THE SC; PROPOSAL

A.H. Sullivan spoke about recent radiobiological research carried out at the SC and briefly presented the proposal "Further Studies of Lens Opacification in Mice after Exposure to 600 MeV Neutrons" CERN-CNEN Collaboration (CERN/SCC/76-16).

4. STATUS REPORTS

Brief status reports were given as follows:

a) On experiment SC 55 by H. Ullrich
b) On experiment SC 65 by L.O. Norlin
c) On experiment SC 66 by N. Tanner (see CERN/SCC/76-24)
d) On experiment SC 68 by C. Bucci
5. REPORT ON IRRADIATIONS AT THE PS

H. Ravn reported on irradiations made at the PS since 20 September; details are given in Annex I.

6. REPORT ON THE STATUS OF THE SC

E.G. Michaelis presented a report on the status of the SC machine; details may be found in CERN/SCC/76-23.

V. Soergel, on behalf of all the users, thanked E.G. Michaelis for everything he had done for the physics programme around the SC machine. His long years of experience of the machine and his wide knowledge of physics had been of great value to all users and had made it a pleasure to work with him.

7. SC SCHEDULE

G. Tibell presented a provisional version of the SC Schedule until the middle of April 1977 (see SC Machine Schedule No. 41, PS-COP/1237, dated 6 December 1976). A revised and more complete schedule, taking into account the decisions of the SC Committee and of the Research Board, will be found in SC Machine Schedule No. 42.

8. CALENDAR OF MEETINGS FOR 1977

The calendar of the Open Meetings of the SC Committee for 1977 is:

- Tuesday 22 March 1977 (a.m.)
- Tuesday 14 June 1977 (a.m.)
- Tuesday 20 September 1977 (a.m.)
- Tuesday 6 December 1977 (a.m.)

W.O. Lock

NOTE FROM THE SECRETARY

The book "Experiments at CERN 1976" has recently been published and the 1977 edition will appear in the late summer of 1977. However, a loose leaf version of this book will be maintained by each Experimental Committee Secretary and up-dated each few months. I would be grateful therefore if the contact man for each experiment in progress would let me know of any change in status, in the people participating in the experiment and as and when appropriate provide a revised one page summary of the experiment.
PS IRRADIATIONS FOR NUCLEAR CHEMISTRY PURPOSES

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