Breaking the Rules

This week it’s the turn of heavy-ion physics to take the spotlight as the Quark Matter 2015 conference takes place in Kobe, Japan. This is the year’s most important conference for the ALICE collaboration, but there have also been many results presented by ATLAS, CMS and LHCb.

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BL4S, or how CERN sets the stage for teenage scientists

Launched in 2014, the Beamline for Schools (BL4S) competition allows high-school students between 16 and 18 years old to run a real experiment at CERN’s PS accelerator (go to: http://cern.ch/go/6xts). For two years, students and schools worldwide have risen to the challenge and taken part enthusiastically in the competition. To ensure that it runs smoothly and enjoyably, over 100 CERN people work behind the scenes. The Bulletin lifts the curtain.

Turning young high-school students into real physicists who use a high-energy beam, set up an experiment and deal with data acquisition and analysis, is no game. For the people at CERN, the first step is to select the best proposals from those received from schools worldwide. “In 2015, over 40 scientists helped us select the best proposals,” explains Markus Joos, a software engineer from the PH department who acted as BL4S project leader this year. “Once we had selected the winners, we needed to ‘translate’ the students’ proposals into real and feasible projects.”

Two young support scientists were asked by the project leader to coordinate this crucial phase of the project. In 2015, Tim Brooks from Royal Holloway, University of London, and Candan Dozen from Çukurova University (Turkey), worked on preparing the experimental environment for the students. “It was a fantastic opportunity, getting hands-on experience assembling the components of a full high-energy physics experiment from the ground up,” says Tim. Candan agrees: “Being responsible for implementing an experiment that was proposed by a team of ambitious students was no small burden in the beginning. The ten days we spent with the students have been an incredible experience and have helped me a lot to develop skills that will be essential for my professional career.”

In addition to the young support scientists, BL4S involves people from various departments and units, including hardware, software, beam and safety experts. “It’s a true collaboration,” says Joos. “However, in the case

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BREAKING THE RULES

ALICE presented a wide range of results elucidating the behaviour of the hot, strongly interacting state of matter produced when conditions mimicking those present in the first instants after the Big Bang are recreated in lead-ion collisions at the LHC. Taken together with the lead-ion studies carried out by the other LHC experiments, these have significantly advanced our understanding of the nascent Universe. Further details can be found on: http://cern.ch/go/CEBi.

Next week sees a very different kind of conference with the third edition of TEDxCERN. As with previous editions, this is CERN's chance to showcase science and the essential role it plays, and must continue to play, in all areas of society. This year, we have chosen the theme "Breaking the Rules"; and have put together a line-up of speakers who really are pushing the boundaries of their fields. If you were lucky enough to get a ticket, I look forward to seeing you there. If not, then you might be near to one of the many watching parties around the world, or you can follow the event by webcast through cern.ch/tedxcern.

The final topic that I wish to touch upon this week is the subject of one of the talks at TEDxCERN. One of the SESAME laboratory's first staff scientists will be giving us a glimpse of her aspirations for this new regional light source for the Middle East as it approaches its 2016 commissioning.

CERN has a significant stake in the new laboratory. CERN theorist Sergio Fubini was an early promoter of Middle Eastern scientific collaboration. Thanks to an EU grant, we are coordinating the construction of SESAME's main ring magnets. The first President of the SESAME Council was former CERN Director-General Herwig Schopper, and when the current President, Chris Llewellyn Smith, also a former CERN Director-General, reaches the end of his term, I will succeed him in the role. It is a vitally important role, since SESAME will bring excellent science to the region and show how a different, collaborative reality is possible. For this reason, we have added a SESAME strand to our high-school programmes, and it was my pleasure to welcome high-school teachers and students from SESAME member states to CERN this week.

With 2015 being the International Year of Light, there is a deep symbolic significance to this. One of the main reasons that UNESCO declared this year to be the year of light is to celebrate the thousandth anniversary of a very significant scientific text on optics, penned by the Middle Eastern scholar Alhazen in an age of scientific enlightenment in that region. If ever proved that a different reality is possible, there it is: such a reality has already existed.

Rolf Heuer

BL4S, OR HOW CERN SETS THE STAGE FOR YOUNG SCIENTISTS

Left to right: Markus Joos (BL4S Project leader), Candan Damar (Scientific Support) and Tim Brooke (Scientific support).

In 2014 and 2015, a total of 667 teams from 57 countries signed up for BL4S, and 54 proposals were submitted. The four winning teams (two each year) were:

- In 2014: OdysseyComrades from Greece, investigating the decay of charged pions to study the weak force, one of the four fundamental forces of nature, and Dominicuscollège from the Netherlands, growing their own crystals to make a calorimeter, a detector that measures the energy of particles, and to test and calibrate it with different particle types.
- In 2015: Leo4G from Italy, using and calibrating a particle detector built from common, low-cost materials and a customised web-camera and Accelerating Africa from South Africa, investigating the production of high-energy gamma rays using a crystalline undulator.

One of the key challenges of 2015 was always to send fewer electron clouds. The two scrubbing runs that were performed in the summer successfully qualified the LHC for up to around 1500 bunches. However, the final phase of the scrubbing, which saw the move from regular 25 ns beam to the doublet beam, proved difficult, and the scrubbing team concluded that the machine was not yet well enough scrubbed for the doublets to be used effectively.

The 25 ns intensity ramp-up has thus had to contend with significant but manageable electron clouds. The main consequence of this has been heat load to the beam screens in the cold sectors of the machine. The beam screens' primary function is to intercept beam-induced heat loads at a temperature well above that of the magnets. They are actively cooled by a forced flow of supercritical helium with a regulated outlet temperature (of thebeam screens) between 17 K and 20 K. The additional

GUIDO ALTARELLI (1941 - 2015)

The CERN community was deeply saddened to learn that Guido Altarelli had passed away on 30 September.

He was a true giant of particle physics and of CERN. His contributions to physics span all subjects, from strong to electroweak interactions, from neutrinos to theories beyond the Standard Model, and from the study of precision measurements to the analysis of apparent anomalies, whose interpretation in terms of new physics he often exposed as naïve and unjustified. He left milestones in the progress of our field wherever he went. The awards of the Sakurai Prize in 2012 and of the EPS Prize in 2015 rank him among the greats, and reflect only in part the wealth of knowledge he gave to high-energy physics.

Guido Altarelli was not only a great scientist, but also a person of great integrity. He was always available to make the bridge between experiment and theory and to share his time and wisdom with the experiments and the wider laboratory. The scientific community has lost a great scientist and a great friend.

The Director-General has sent a letter of condolence to his family and a full obituary will follow in the CERN Courier.

LHC REPORT: CLOUDY WITH SUNNY SPELLS

The LHC is continuing its 25 ns intensity ramp-up and has now reached 1465 bunches per beam. Performance is reasonable and the experiments have seen some long fills with steadily increasing luminosity delivery rates. Some new familiar issues continue to make life interesting.

While the high luminosity is around 3.5 x 10^{30} cm^{-2} s^{-1}, the benefits of a relatively modest bunch separation are still apparent. With 1465 bunches per beam, the peak luminosity is around 3.5 x 10^{28} cm^{-2} s^{-1}. This is around half the luminosity of the peaks seen with the 50 ns beam in Run 1. However, the beam seems happy at 6.5 TeV and is enjoying the benefits of a relatively modest bunch population, synchrotron radiation damping and a relaxed squeeze. Because of these factors, the instantaneous luminosity is falling relatively, allowing for some gratifyingly long fills.

For example, Tuesday to Wednesday saw a 17 hour fill that delivered around 160 inverse picobarns to both ATLAS and CMS.

Lionel Herbort & Mike Lamon for the LHC team
ENLIGHT ENVISIONS ITS FUTURE

Last week, the European Network for LIGHT-ion Hadron Therapy (ENLIGHT) met in Cracow to discuss how to best imagine its future. Over its 13 years of life, the network has succeeded in bridging traditionally separate scientific communities with the common goal of more effective treatments against cancer and improving patient outcome.

Today, ENLIGHT includes over 300 members from more than 20 countries. Clinicians, physicists, biologists and engineers with experience and interest in particle therapy are working in unison under the network’s umbrella. ENLIGHT has run four EU-funded projects – ULICE, PARTNER, ENVISION and ENTERVISION – and has managed to gather experts from various fields to design common strategies to fight cancer with particles. “ENLIGHT has worked as an open collaborative network and has served as a common multidisciplinary platform for all the communities involved,” says Manjit Dosanjh, deputy head of CERN’s Medical Applications office and ENLIGHT coordinator. “The network has identified and tackled the technical challenges, trained young researchers, supported innovation and lobbied for funding.”

The annual 2015 ENLIGHT meeting was held in Cracow and was hosted by Pawel Oliko, the Scientific Director of the Polish Institute of Nuclear Physics and Director of the Bronowiec Cyclotron Centre, Poland’s proton-therapy centre. The meeting featured several presentations and even a poster session. The speakers reported on the status of research (in hadron therapy, imaging, radiobiology and data sharing), as well as on the current medical trials using ions.

With two new dual-ion therapy centres – in Marburg (Germany) and in Wiener Neustadt (Austria) – and the proton-therapy centre in Cracow that will start treating patients in the coming months, the members of ENLIGHT have many reasons to celebrate. However, many challenges still lie ahead, including securing funding and succeeding in harmonising data, which is key to sharing information and best practices within the various communities. Focused discussions took place at the final round table where the various speakers tackled the issue of the future of ENLIGHT and its vital role for the hadron therapy community. “We discussed various scenarios for ensuring the continuity of ENLIGHT and enhancing its role in education and training in particular, which, together with fundraising actions, is a key aspect,” concludes Dosanjh. “The first step will be the creation of a small working group that will help me establish the future structure of ENLIGHT, which will include a scientific committee – a core group of members covering various disciplines and nationalities. The hope is to drive and guide ENLIGHT towards a bright future.”

ENLIGHT supports the ICTR-PHE conference that will be held from 15-19 February, 2016. The deadline for submitting abstracts has been postponed to 30 October. Registration is open at: http://cern.ch/go/NJX8.

Antonella Del Rosso

TWO GENERATIONS OF KLYSTRONS REUNITED

As the newest accelerator on the block, Linac4 is a hotbed of fresh technology and innovation. But among its many new elements you’ll find some familiar pieces, including eleven klystrons from CERN’s former flagship, LEP.

The Linac4 accelerator is powered by both new, state-of-the-art klystrons and former LEP klystrons. In fact, the first Drift Tube Linac (DTL) module is powered completely by these LEP klystrons. The list of the DTL modules has only just been installed in the Linac4 tunnel – a milestone that will soon be the accelerator up to 50 MeV, allowing it to act as a back-up machine for Linac2 for a few years before the complete handover to the CERN power chain.

It’s been a long journey to this point. Linac4 was first conceived in the early 2000s, and its design overlapped with the end of the LEP era. “While we were dismantling LEP, we kept aside 44 klystrons that we knew could be reincorporated into other projects – Linac4 being the chief among them,” says Olivier Brunner, who led the team responsible for the LEP high-power RF system. “As Linac4 was still on the drawing board, its klystron frequency could be chosen to match that of LEP klystrons.”

For the decade-long wait, the LEP klystrons were kept under vacuum and monitored closely. During this time, they were adapted to accommodate Linac4’s pulsed RF operation. “LEP klystrons were designed for a continuous wave machine,” says Brunner, “and so we had to modify them for pulsed operation. They then passed high-voltage tests and were revalidated, ready for their installation in Linac4.”

Just like old light bulbs, klystrons are consumables that, eventually, have to be replaced. The team has ten additional LEP klystrons available as back-ups, which will be validated once the Linac4 installation has been completed. However, once all the LEP klystrons reach the end of their lifetime, they will be replaced with new klystrons - one new for every two old.

As for the other remaining LEP klystrons? Most have found new homes around the world, from China to Sweden to France. While the LEP era may have passed, the legacy of the machine lives on!

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MONITORING UNDERGROUND MOVEMENTS

On 16 September 2015 at 22:54:33 (UTC), an 8.3-magnitude earthquake struck off the coast of Chile. 11,650 km away, at CERN, a new generation-instrument – the Precision Laser Inclinometer (PLI) – recorded the extreme event. The PLI is being tested by a JINR/CERN-ATLAS team to measure the movements of underground structures and detectors.

The Precision Laser Inclinometer is an extremely sensitive device capable of monitoring ground angular oscillations in a frequency range of 0.001 to 1 Hz with a precision of 10^-9 rad/Hz1/2. The instrument is currently installed in one of the old ISR transfer tunnels (TT1) built in 1976. However, its final destination could be the ATLAS cavern, where it would measure and monitor the fine movements of the underground structures, which can affect the precise positioning of the giant detector.

The device, initially proposed by Julian Budagov and Mikhail Yakulin with colleagues from the Joint Institute for Nuclear Research (JINR), is currently being developed and tested at CERN by a joint JINR-CERN team in collaboration with Jean-Christophe Gayde’s team in the Large Scale Metrology section (EN-MEP-SU) and Beniamino Di Gionalo, the former ATLAS Technical Coordinator. The instrument developed by the JINR team is a new kind of ground oscillation detector, which is able to record any angular seismic activity in the Earth’s surface accurately. The Chilean earthquake’s angular signal in rad registered by the PLI is shown in the image on the left on a Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) scale.

The magnitude of the signal corresponds to an angular variation of 40 grad, compared with the background of micro-seismic ground motions at a level of ~0.1 grad and corresponding to the superposition of seismic waves travelling both through the Earth and on its surface.

For confirmation of the PLI’s measurements, teams at ATLAS compared the PLI data with the seismogram of the earthquake recorded by a seismometer located in Chile and obtained from the Incorporated Research Institutions for Seismology. By comparing the two graphs, the experts were also able to evaluate the expected delay of the signal caused by different speeds of propagation of surface- and body-seismic waves. For the body waves the arrival time at CERN was about 15 minutes later and for the surface waves it was approximately 60 minutes, showing an agreement with the wave speed ranges expected according to existing literature.

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The earthquake that struck Chile on 16 September at 22:54:33 (UTC) was recorded 15 minutes later by the PLI, a new precision instrument designed to follow any underground movement.

The VLT her bi-annual report of the 1990 to 2000 at the VLT (2000). (Image: C. Brunner.)

The three new buildings for Linac4 are ready ahead of schedule – November 2010

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CBI STUDENTS: READY FOR NEW CHALLENGES

Twenty-seven students from four universities and over ten countries gathered at IdeaSquare to start their Challenge-Based Innovation (CBI) course (go to: http://cern.ch/go/N6bL). Labour mobility, food safety, literacy in the developing world and water safety are the four projects that the students will work on now that they are back at their home institutions. The final ideas and prototypes will be presented at CERN in December.

“The Mediterranean edition of the CBI courses are at the crossroads of several disciplines, and we hope they benefit a lot from all the inspiration, ideas and technologies to which they are exposed at CERN”, explains Joona Kurikka who, together with Tuuli Utriainen, coordinates the CBI courses at CERN. “The four projects we have in this first developing novel solutions for the future of mankind is a challenge that can be tackled only by experts coming from different fields and who are willing to share their expertise,” says Tuuli.

The challenges that will be addressed by the CBI Mediterranean students are improving labour mobility, food safety, literacy in the developing world and water safety. “Students started to work on the projects a week before coming to CERN”, explains Joona. “At CERN, they met researchers working in fields relevant to the specific technology. For example, the team working on food safety had the chance to meet experts in cryogenics, as an important aspect of food safety is the efficient preservation of food quality during the transport and delivery phases.”

The basic requirement of CBI courses is that participating teams must include students from different fields of engineering and IT, as well as students from design faculties and business students. “We believe that

COSMIC VISITS

On Saturday, 19 September, ESA astronaut Luca Parmitano and Amalia Ercoli Finzi, Principal Investigator of the SD2 experiment on board the ESA Rosetta spacecraft, visited the AMS Control Centre and other CERN installations.

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If you have ideas for current or future CBI teams and you would like to discuss them further, contact the IdeaSquare team (idea.s@cern.ch) or come over to Building 3179 for a coffee! Antoñina Del Rossi

ITALIAN SINGER ANNALISA AT CERN FOR A WEEK OF FILMING

CERN welcomed Italian singer-songwriter Annalisa for a week-long visit to the Laboratory to shoot an Italian television production about the Laboratory.

The Italian artist has a degree in physics from the University of Turin, Italy. She is a singer and songwriter, famous for her successful participation in the Italian talent show, Amici di Maria De Filippi. She has recorded four albums as solo artist and has participated twice in the Sanremo Music Festival, the most important Italian song contest. She has also received numerous Italian music awards, and has earned international recognition.

Thanks to her knowledge of physics and her great influence with the Italian youth, Annalisa was selected to host an Italian television production about CERN aimed at young people.

Stefania Pandolfi

NOBEL LAUREATE IN LITERATURE VISITS CERN

Gao Xingjian, winner of the Nobel Prize for Literature in 2000, was invited to visit CERN as part of European Researchers’ Night. During his visit to the Laboratory, he took time out to give us a dose of his optimism.

“Youshen Yu Xuansi”

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Annalisa in the CERN Control Centre.

Gao Xingjian in IdeaSquare bus during his visit to CERN.

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**NEW ARRIVALS**

On Wednesday, 23 September 2015, recently-recruited staff members and fellows participated in a session in the framework of the Induction Programme.

On the first day, the author of the comic strip *Piled Higher and Deeper* (*PhD Comics*) visited the CERN Control Centre, the Synchrotron, the CMS Service Cavern and the ATLAS control room.

On Thursday, he had a busy afternoon, starting with signing copies of his books and then giving a talk entitled "The Power of Procrastination" in a packed Main Auditorium. He made the audience laugh by narrating his experience as a graduate student in robotics at Stanford University, recounting how he started drawing *PhD Comics* and how it rapidly became popular in universities all over the world. He then analysed the frustrations and anxieties commonly experienced by any graduate student, causing the audience to laugh and nod in agreement. After the talk and another book-signing session, he introduced a screening of *The PHD Movie 2*. The next day, he was on stage again in one of the Researchers’ Night events at the Balexert shopping centre: a panel discussion entitled “The PHD Movie vs. The Big Bang Theory”. Together with David Saltzberg (CMS physicist and scientific consultant for the American sitcom), Cham discussed the funny side of science and life as a researcher as portrayed in the film and the show.

Stefano Pandolfi

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**CERN WELCOMES THE SPANISH VICE-PRESIDENT**

On 29 September, CERN had the pleasure of welcoming the Vice-President of the Government of Spain, Soraya Sáenz de Santamaría, for a visit of the Laboratory.

The Vice-President was accompanied by Carmen Vela, Spanish Secretary of State for Research, Development and Innovation, Bernardo de Sicart Escoda, Ambassador of Spain to Switzerland, and Ana Menéndez Perez, Permanent Representative of Spain to the United Nations and International Organizations in Geneva.

Their tour started at LHC Point 1, where CERN Director-General Rolf Heuer welcomed them and gave them an introduction to CERN’s activities. José Miguel Jiménez, Head of the Technology department, and Lluis Miralles, Head of the General Infrastructure Services department, accompanied them on their visit to the ATLAS control room, the Synchrocyclotron and the CERN Computer Centre (CC). At the CC, Friederike Hannes, Head of the Information Technology department, presented the LHC Computing Grid Project.

Their last visit was to the LHC superconducting magnet assembly hall, where they met with CERN scientists from Spain.

Anaïs Schaeffer

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**MAIN BUILDING FIRE DRILL SAFELY CONCLUDED**

Last week, a simulated fire in the stairwell of the Main Building put CERN’s emergency response procedures to the test.

At 2 p.m. on 22 September, alarms sounded around CERN Main Building as an evacuation exercise got underway. A smoke alarm went off in the stairwell, complete with very realistic smoke, led to the evacuation of one of the busiest places at CERN. The Main Building complex includes the Carlson Wagonlit travel agency, the post office, UBS, Uniqia, the Users Office, the Staff Association and the Novae restaurant as well as the Main Auditorium, the Council Chamber and the Charpak meeting room.

It was impressive to see how quickly the smoke propagated in the staircase as well as into the corridors, and equally impressive to see how smoothly, quickly and efficiently the evacuation proceeded. The exercise was the subject of meticulous planning, and was organised by the Departmental and Territorial Safety Officers (DSOs and TSOs) from DG and GS in collaboration with the Fire Brigade, Site Security, the Fire Detection Services and the HSE Unit.

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On 25 September, as part of European Researchers’ Night, CERN and P0Science joined forces to welcome the public at the Balexert shopping centre in Geneva. The Bulletin presents its gallery of photographs from the exciting and educational event.

Science through comic strips, games, cinema and television: P0Science approaches scientific questions through popular culture, with great success! Around 500 children attended the sessions for schools at Balexert’s multiplex cinema, and 600 spectators flocked to the public screenings.

Using the big screen, scientists, directors and authors were on hand to disentangle truth from untruths and science from science fiction. The guests, some of whom appeared in person and others via video link, included Jorge Cham, author of PhD Comics and the spin-off film, David Saltzberg, physicist at CMS and scientific consultant for the television series The Big Bang Theory; Kip Thorne, scientific consultant for the film Interstellar; Lawrence Krauss, author of The Physics of Star Trek; and Italian astronaut Roberto Vittori, who gave a commentary on the film Gravity.

In the main area of the shopping centre, CERN scientists performed experiments for the public in the multimedia shop P4NAG, authors signed books, customers enjoyed virtual tours of the CMS experiment via television screens, physicists answered numerous questions, and children built Lego detectors.

Take note

VACCINATION AGAINST SEASONAL FLU

The Medical Service once again recommends you to get your annual flu vaccination for the year.

Vaccination is the most effective way of avoiding the illness and any serious consequences and protecting those around you. The flu can have especially serious consequences for people with chronic conditions (diabetes, cardio-vascular disease, etc.), pregnant women, infants, and people over 65 years of age.

Remember, anyone working on the CERN site who wishes to be vaccinated against seasonal flu should go to the Infirmary (Building 57, ground floor) with their vaccine.

The Medical Service will issue a prescription on the day of the vaccination for the purposes of reimbursement by UNIQA.

NB: The Medical Service cannot provide this vaccination service for family members or retired members of the personnel.

For more information:

- The “Seasonal flu” flyer by the Medical Service (go to: http://cern.ch/go/FGP9)
- Recommendations of the Swiss Federal Office of Public Health (go to: http://cern.ch/go/jdH7)

CERN Medical Service

PHOTOWALK 2015: CERN AS SEEN BY A PHOTOGRAPHER

On Friday, 25 September, CERN opened its doors to nineteen photographers from all over the world for the CERN Photowalk 2015: behind the scenes at the Laboratory.

The photo competition was organised as part of an international photo competition, the Global Physics Photowalk, in which seven other physics laboratories also participated.

Professional and amateur photographers alike had the chance to visit and capture for posterity a number of unique CERN sites: Linac, the main workshop and the ISOLDE facility. They were also able to get a feel for life at CERN by exploring the Meyrin campus.

A jury will select the best three photos taken at CERN before the end of October. These photos will be exhibited in 2016 and will represent CERN in the international competition, in which each of the other labs will also enter three snapshots. In November, an international jury and a public vote will pick the winning photos, which will be exhibited in 2016 in Asia, Europe and North America and will be featured in the CERN Courier and Symmetry journals.

For further information, questions or help, check: https://security.web.cern.ch or contact at Computer.Security@cern.ch

Do you want to learn more about computer security incidents and issues at CERN? Follow our Monthly Report: https://cern.ch/security/reports/fr/monthly-reports.html

Stefan Luenders, Computer Security Team

POSTING AND MIS-POSTING

This is what can happen at CERN if you don’t lock your computer screen... you can keep up with me and enjoy getting sweaty send me a reply. Stay sexy..." This is the original text of a recent posting on the CERN Market webpage. Some people might find this appealing, some people think this is funny. Personally, I couldn’t care less. But professionally, we had to follow up as this text can be perceived as inappropriate and, thus, in violation of the Terms of Usage of the CERN Market as well as the CERN Computing Rules and its annex on private usage of the CERN computing facilities. We remind you that the CERN Market is a public website that can be used by people within but also outside CERN.

All posts are visible worldwide. While this post might be borderline, we have had posts in the past which could have impacted negatively on the reputation of the Organization if spotted by, for example, journalists looking for a story.

If you regularly advertise on the CERN Market, if you host one or more webpages at CERN or about CERN, if you regularly post information about your work at CERN or your opinion on issues happening at CERN on Twitter, Facebook, etc., please use common sense. Publish in a positive and constructive way, respecting CERN’s Code of Conduct and the values contained therein. For more details, please consult the CERN Social Media Guidelines. And, finally, please also note that the CERN Market is meant for private sales and services only. Professional offers (dentists, removal services, etc.) are not permitted and will be promptly deleted.

PS. This example was even worse than it first appeared. The post finally turned out to be a “joke” published under the name of one of our CERN colleagues by members of their team.

They neglected the basic rule of locking their computer screen with a password when leaving the office. (Did you spot it?) Two more violations of the CERN Computing Rules. Sigh. Their colleagues took advantage of that, ignoring any adverse effects on the reputation and the moral well-being of the victim.

RESEARCHERS’ NIGHT: SCIENCE AT THE SHOPS

On 25 September, as part of European Researchers’ Night, CERN and P0Science joined forces to welcome the public at the Balexert shopping centre in Geneva.

"Where we’re going, we don’t need roads..." (in English, with French subtitles)

Watch how the film-makers imagined we’d live in 2015, from flying cars to hydrated pizzas and much more, in this iconic film from the 1980s. This special screening is a collaboration of the CERN CinéClub and CERN social media.

The deadline for submission of the full application form is 30 October 2015.

IT’S TIME TO GO “BACK TO THE FUTURE”!

Grab your hoverboard, charge up your flux capacitor and join the CERN CinéClub to watch the “Back to the Future Part 2” film (1989) that takes the characters into the future to 21 October 2015.

“Back to the Future Part II” film screening Wednesday, 21 October 2015 at 6 p.m.

Closures of the car pool in Building 130 until 6 November

The Car Pool, Building 130, will be closed from Friday, 9 October until Friday, 6 November for renovation.

All activities, such as SIXT rental cars and maintenance of the CERN car fleet, will be temporarily transferred to the Car Pool at Building 124.

Mobile phone: 161113 (+41 75 411 1113).

Thank you in advance for your understanding.

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Training

This autumn, two new technical training courses have been launched for scientists and engineers at CERN who undertake programming tasks, particularly in C and C++. Both courses are taught by Andrzej Nowak: an expert in next-generation and cutting edge computing technology research.

The training courses are organised in cooperation with CERN openlab and are sponsored by the CERN IT department — there is only a nominal registration fee of 50 CHF. This is an opportunity not to be missed!

- Computer architecture and hardware-software interaction (2 days, Oct 26-27)
- Programming and environments for parallelism (4 days, Nov 3-6)

The architecture course offers a comprehensive overview of current topics in computer architecture and their consequences for the programmer, from the basic Von Neumann schema to its modern-day expansions. Understanding hardware-software interaction allows the programmer to make better use of all features of available computer hardware and compilers. Specific architectural features are discussed (such as execution ports, branching algorithms, etc), as well as instruction sets, compilers, memory operation and architecture, fundamentals of floating point and acceleration. Demo labs are included.

Participants can register via the training catalogue on: http://cern.ch/go/TK9k.

For more information, please contact Technical Training@cern.ch.

Seminars

FRIDAY OCTOBER 09, 2015
11:00 Detector Seminar LHCb trigger and reconstruction optimization for Run II: real-time alignment and calibration, and the TURBO stream. Salle Anderson

SATURDAY OCTOBER 10, 2015
09:00 Globe Colloque transfrontalier TPE - TM Main Auditorium

MONDAY OCTOBER 12, 2015
09:00 JAI Accelerator Courses Michaelmas Term 2015 Videoconference Room

TUESDAY OCTOBER 13, 2015
11:00 LHC Seminar: ATLAS results

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 14, 2015
14:00 ISOLDE Seminar The anomalous heat effect on D/H loaded Palladium: Exploration at an atomic level; preliminary perturbed angular correlations studies

TUESDAY OCTOBER 20, 2015
10:00 CERN Computing Seminar Adopting CERN SixTrack Fortran Legacy Modeling Code to Perform Ensemble Simulations on GPU IT Amphithéâtre
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Supplemental

NEWS

FROM THE CERN WEB: ANTIHYDROGEN, ROOT, PROTONS AND MORE

This section highlights articles, blog posts and press releases published in the CERN web environment over the past weeks. This way, you won’t miss a thing...

Big data takes ROOT
29 September - by Barbara Warmbein

Particle physicists don’t break into a sweat when they face big data. On the contrary: they need it in order to be able to tell a rare process from a common one. Reliable statistics are essential here, and physicists gather statistics by producing as many particle collisions as possible. At the LHC, protons collide some 1 billion times per second, and the CERN data centre stores more than 30 petabytes of data per year from the LHC experiments.

Continue to read on: http://cern.ch/go/6kLd

The most precise picture of the proton
25 September - CERN Courier

After 15 years of measurements and another eight years of analysis and calculations, the H1 and ZEUS collaborations have published the most precise results to date about the innermost structure and behaviour of the proton.

The diagrams show the neutral-current (top) and charged-current (bottom) deep-inelastic electron-proton scattering processes.

Continue to read on: http://cern.ch/go/8m9R
The ALPHA experiment, one of five experiments that are looking for the antiproton and opened a new chapter in the study of antimatter.

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TRAINING

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