



ASPERA Common Call

ET R&D

Networking and R&D for the Einstein Telescope



Meeting Minutes

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Title of the Meeting:	First general meeting, Telecon,
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Participants

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Agenda

- 1) status of national projects (collaboration agreements needed?)
- 2) starting working groups
- 3) signing an MOU
- 4) AOB

1) Germany: right after the telecon I got a message from the German national funding agency BMBF that the official letter announcing the grant is on its way by mail. I expect the official starting date to be dated back to 1 April. The University of Jena and the University of Hannover will have to sign a collaboration agreement, which I prepared from the template provided by BMBF and sent to Jena for comments.

UK: the official announcement of the grant has been sent to all participants. No cooperation agreement is needed.

Russia: the proposal has been accepted and the funds granted, but only at a financial level of two thirds of the proposed amount. Nevertheless the full amount of the proposed work is expected to be delivered. A cooperation agreement will be signed soon. The availability of the money is expected at the end of May, which then also will be the official starting date of the Russian project.

Poland: the proposal has been accepted with no reduction in funding. The contract with the funding agencies will be signed at the end of the month. The first money is expected around mid of May. The official start of the project will probably be first of May.

Netherlands: there was no participant of the Dutch project present at this telecon. As far as I know the grant signing is going on smoothly and no difficulties are expected.

2)

working group 1: Sathya is currently in Warsaw, discussing details of running the project with the Polish collaborators. Several meetings are expected in the imminent future to discuss which topics will be worked on in Poland. The Polish groups will join the ET mock data challenge.

Working group 2: Jo, the working group leader was not present in this telecon. So far no work has been started for this working group on the Polish side. The first working group meeting via teleconference is expected to happen soon.

Working group 3: the first working group teleconference is expected to happen within the next weeks. In Hannover a Ph.D. student has started to work on the project topics and will partly be paid by "ASPERA money" starting May 1.

Working group 4: the first working group teleconference has happened yesterday. Two people have been employed at Glasgow School of physics and astronomy and will contribute to the ASPERA project with a part of their time. I wrote Hannover and Birmingham are still looking for appropriate people.

People interested in joining one of the working groups should send a mail to the working group coordinator.

3) ASPERA requesting that all institutes funded within this project will sign a memorandum of understanding (MOU). Michael send an old MoU to Harald. I will check if this can be used as a template for setting up a new MoU. Harald will prepare a draft of an MoU and circulated as soon as possible. This MOU will then be checked by the various institutes, commented on, and iterated to an agreeable state. Finally this MoU will be signed by the directors of the participating institutes.

The next teleconference meeting will be held on May 17.