

## **Minutes of AGM held on 4/4/07**

Approximately 45 attendees.

### **Chairman's report:**

The HEPP group was active in discussions regarding the formation of STFC: gathering information from the community at a town meeting; engaging IOP Officers to provide feedback representing the community; requesting that science remained in the council title and that grants were maintained in the new council. The effort needs to continue as STFC has a different remit to PPARC.

Changes in IoP were summarized – in particular there have been new developments for: education and training physics teachers; outreach, with the appointment of Caitlin Watson as contact person; increased political influence. The IoP has also become more proactive at regulating group finances, reporting and membership, and has designed a standard newsletter format and new group logo.

It was noted that it is aimed to improve communication between IoP HQ and the groups. Prizes have changed from 2008 onwards. Both the group and division need to revise existing prizes and will do so this year. The 2007 HEPP group prize was announced at the conference dinner; it was awarded to Professor Jim Virdee of Imperial College. It was noted that the LHC website has been launched, and that the particle physics website is currently unmaintained.

### **Secretary's report:**

Finances: in 2006 the group spent approximately 8160 GBP from the 8200 GBP available. From 2007 the group must bid each year for funds. We were awarded 5500 GBP this year which was less than requested – due to support for student bursaries being drastically reduced. The IoP will implement a new mechanism to deal with requests for student bursaries, however nothing is in place yet.

Activities: 3 successful half day meetings have been held since the last AGM and support for bursaries was awarded to the BEACH and BEAUTY conferences and linear collider summer school. Forthcoming meetings were advertised and more details can be found on our webpages.

### **Elections:**

Elections were held for vacant committee places. We are pleased to welcome Phil Allport, Rob Appleby and James Catmore to the committee.

### **AOB:**

The forthcoming EPS conference was advertised.

A discussion on how the HEPP group might raise the profile of particle physics followed. In particular, the Chair agreed to investigate the option of undertaking a review of future opportunities in the field.