



US-LUA Quality of life Subcommittee report

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Overview



- Aim of the Quality of Life subcommittee is, primarily, to help the “off-shore” US-LHC community while at CERN:
 - Help newcomers integrate at CERN (eg our [relocation guide](#))
 - Offer advice/support/commiseration etc for visa issues
 - Help to mitigate the various common challenges that occur when one lives far away from one’s country of birth and/or family: isolation, cultural and language challenges, mental health, work-life balance, etc...
- CERN and the LHC experiments are also developing their own strategies and plans. US-LUA can help in promoting these activities and acting as a liaison between the groups, so we can get the best from all the LHC experiments for the US researchers.

This year:

- [US-LUA Mattermost](#) with a [“Life at CERN” channel](#)
- 2023 US@CERN Summer Party
 - Coloured wristbands for experimental (or theory) identity



- US-LUA flag at CERN Hardronic festival
- Integration with US Mission

This year:

- Monthly coffee get-togethers at R1 organised by Jannicke (typically last Friday morning of the month) where US LHC people can come and hang out for a bit, chat, and get to know each other
- Special mention: P5 Report Watch Party hosted by US-CMS



Event Plans for 2024



- Continue the monthly coffees - last Friday of each month
- Visits to the experimental caverns during the winter shutdowns
- Spring event (TBC)
- Summer Party 2024 (of course)
- End-of-summer River Float
- Fall event: Thanksgiving get-together

- Volunteers to help with organisation/setup/etc are always welcome
- Also, if you have an idea for a get-together, or an event that you are participating in, please let us know!

Additional plans for the coming year



- Prepare a survey that can be sent to the US groups of the collaborations to get an overview about what US scientists (especially ECRs) based at CERN need
- Work with the web presence subcommittee to update all the useful links (newcomers guides, job offers, etc)
- Organise a combined meeting with all the experiments' Early Career/Young Scientist committees where they can each share their most successful activities, so that we can learn from the successes of each other
- Build a group of volunteer helpers to organise informal gatherings of CERN-based grad students and researchers.
- Not officially QOL, but since we're at CERN: help to raise the visibility of the hard work done by the US LHC community during the Snowmass process, and ensure that the key P5 messages are transmitted throughout the global HEP community

Thanks...

to all of you for being part of
this wonderful community!

