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# Initial Planning for 2025 Users Meeting

UAEC Monthly November 2024 Meeting

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# Summary of 2024 Users Meeting

- 10-12 July 2024: Users Meeting
- 9 July 2024: Festa Italiana
- 8-9 July 2024: New Perspective
  
- Keynote speaker: Congressman Bill Foster
- Special Colloquium (W&C slot): Chris Quigg



57<sup>th</sup> Fermilab Users Meeting  
**INSPIRATIONS FROM P5**  
July 9-12, 2024

Learn, connect and collaborate:

- Reception
- Poster session
- Panel session
- URA honorary awards session
- Festa Italiana

Register today: [indico.fnal.gov/event/64626](https://indico.fnal.gov/event/64626)

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The poster features a photograph of the Fermilab Main Building, a large, modern structure with a central glass facade and two tall, narrow wings. A QR code is located in the bottom right corner of the poster.

# 2024 Users Meeting: Major Lessons Learned

- We maintained the lessons learned in a google sheet
  - Need to set dates early and let others plan around their schedule
  - Send information about meeting and registration to FNAL partners so they can advertise to their physics departments
  - We should begin NOW for a "high profile" speaker
  - Need to advertise the URA travel funding earlier in advance - months early
  - Poor attendance needs to somehow be addressed. Part of the problem is that the meeting has too much competition. Everyone has other meetings, work, and deadlines to meet. It's hard to find time to break away for the Users Meeting, and there's not much incentive to do so. I think it would help if the **lab (not just the UEC) celebrated the week** (both New Perspectives and the Users Meeting) and **heavily promote attending**. Maybe suggesting a low tempo week, except for New Perspectives/Users Meeting
  - People want there to be a future - both near and long-term

# 2024 Users Meeting: Major Lessons Learned

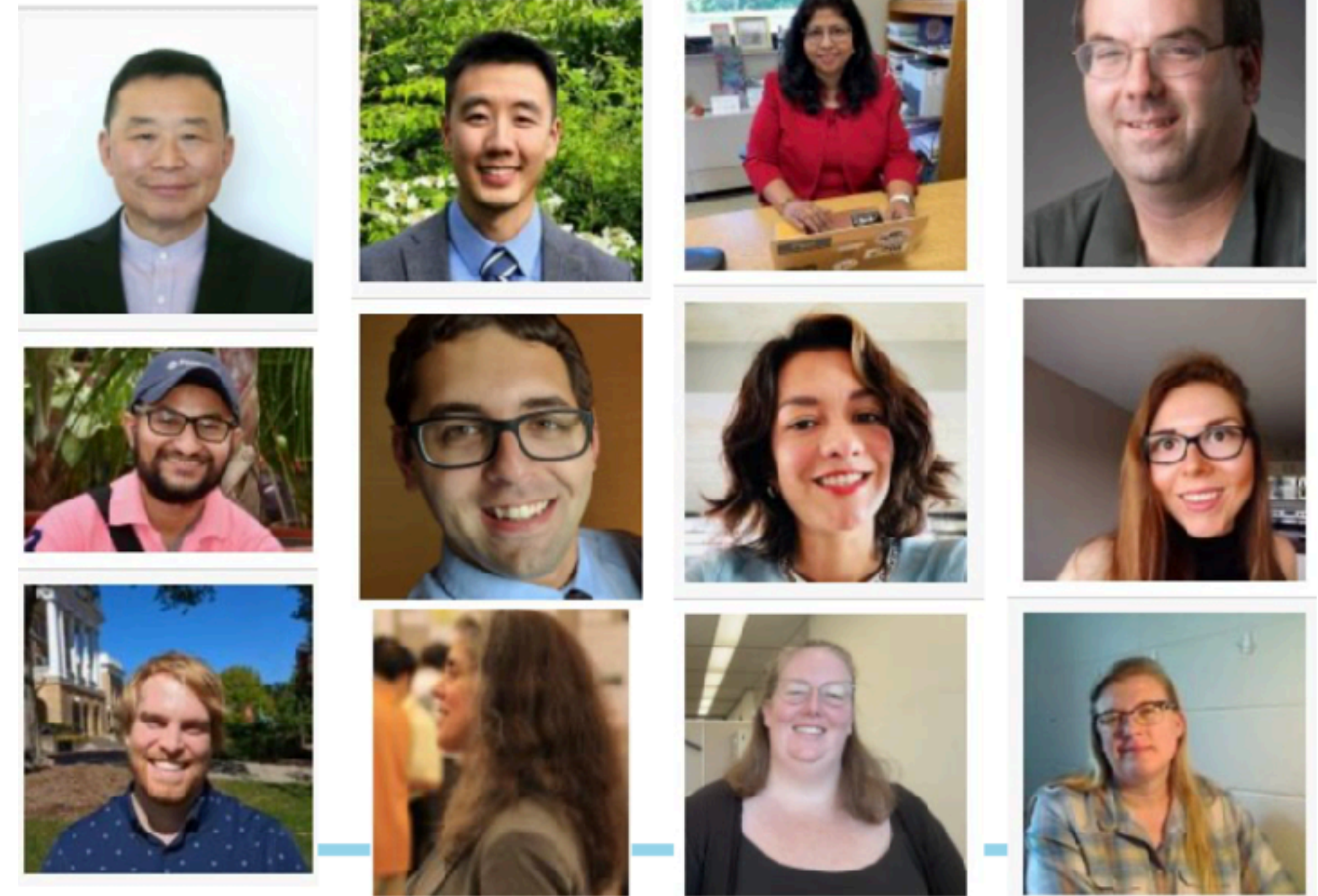
- Between now and next year press HARD on restoring the lab to its previous open status
- Lab has to be perceived as a place that people want to be. If it isn't headed back toward the **original culture and scientific openness**, it is broadcasting to the world that we are sunsetting
- More involvement from the experiment's leadership, for example, asking at least one of the spokesperson who is based at lab to attend sessions in-person
- Inviting more senior speakers to talk about their experiments overview
- Ask experiments, if they can, to present some new results at the meeting
- More focus on science talks

# 2024 Users Meeting: Major Lessons Learned

- A lot more time to URA awards sessions
- Run sessions according to the time
- Fun activity on one of the evenings
- Some more logistic related feedback in our google sheets

# 2024 Users Meeting: Acknowledgments

UEC members



FSPA members



# Looking Forward to 2025 Users Meeting: Dates

- Dates:
  - 25-27 June 2025 (Wednesday to Friday): Users Meeting
  - 24 June 2025 (Tuesday evening): Festa Italiana
  - 23-24 June 2025 (Monday to Tuesday): New Perspective
- Notifications:
  - Save the date email sent to FNAL leaderships and experiments spokes in September 2024. Thanks to Mary-Anne for doing that
  - In the next 1-2 weeks, after Thanksgiving and before winter break, we should send save-the-date to all-hands, and all-users, also to URA partners
  - More promotions: periodic announcements and reminders in the months beforehand
  - Should also be promoted on FNAL social media (conference office can help in this). There can be more ideas

# 2025 Users Meeting: Theme

- Themes (something including “Forward”)
  - 58th Users Meeting: Moving Forward
  - People can add more suggestions in google sheet [here](#)



# 2025 Users Meeting: Keynote Speakers

- Current list of speakers:
  - Dan Goldin: NASA Administrator (Apr. 1, 1992–Nov. 17, 2001): already contacted by Mary-Anne
  - Arthur B. McDonald, 2015 Nobel Prize winner for the discovery of neutrino oscillation
  - Takaaki Kajita, 2015 Nobel Prize winner for the discovery of neutrino oscillations
  - Mark Thomson, next Director-General of CERN
  - Fabiola Gianotti, current Director-General of CERN
- People can suggest more names [here](#)

# 2025 Users Meeting: Leadership Involvement

- We want to attract more people to this meeting
- We can present these suggestions in the monthly FNAL spokes meeting
  - Young and junior collaborators feel inspired when senior leadership attends Users Meeting
  - Experiment's spokespersons can attend in-person sessions
  - Division heads can attend in-person sessions
  - Directorate can attend in-person sessions
  - We need to suggest each experiment if they can target to present at least one new result from their experiment
- We can ask more suggestions from the spokes that can help us to bring more people to the meeting

# 2025 Users Meeting: Budget

- Last year our budget was \$30k from FRA
  - \$22.5k for Users Meeting
  - \$4k for New Perspective
  - \$3.5k for Festa Italiana
- New budget will be decided by the FermiForward group. We are expecting to have higher budget but don't know yet what will be approved

# 2025 Users Meeting: URA Travel Application

- Last year URA allotted us \$10k for travel support to participants for their contributions to the Users Meeting including contributions in the New Perspective
- Only 4 students applied last year
- Need to advertise the URA travel funding earlier in advance - months early
- We should mention URA funding in our save-the-date emails
- Spring 2025 Application is open and we can start applying to it: Deadline is Monday, February 24, 2025 by 6:00 pm EDT
- Funding will be awarded by URA in early-April 2025
- We will setup a google sheet for participants to apply for funding. It will go live when we start registration process

# 2025 Users Meeting: Agenda

- It is way too early to think of agenda right now but at least we can have some general ideas
- No talk before 9 AM CT and no talk after 5 PM CT
- 1 hour lunch and two coffee breaks of 30 min each. This should give people enough time to have discussions on coffee
- 6 hours for talks
- More talks focused on science results
- At least one leadership panel, visa related panel
- Tours
- We can think more as we move forward with Agenda

# 2025 Users Meeting: Meetings

- In the next few weeks, we will be setting up meetings with Fermilab staff at first to introduce each others
- Initially, meetings will be biweekly or monthly and will be on weekly basis as we approach closer to the Users Meeting
- Stephany is our Fermilab contact person to setup these meetings

# 2025 Users Meeting: Timeline

- I will work on a timeline based on things we performed last year, for example
  - Start of Registration
  - Deadlines
  - URA travel funding
  - And more

# 2025 Users Meeting: Contact Details

- Chair: Prabhjot Singh
- Co-chair: Mary-Anne
- Co-chair: Any new persons (to be trained for next year)
- Stephany is the Fermilab contact person