

# Users' Organization Business Meeting



to review and conduct the business of the Fermilab Users  
Organization



# Users' Executive Committee



- **Thirteen members representing you**
  - **six members elected each summer to serve two-year term**
  - **past chair serves an additional year**
- **Hold monthly meetings**
  - **currently Fridays, noon-3:30 pm**
  - **GSA officers always invited**
  - **agenda (varies month to month):**
    - **News**
    - **Chat with the Directorate**
    - **View from Washington D.C. from Lewis-Burke Associates**
    - **Special guest**
    - **Subcommittee and GSA reports**
    - **Any other business**

# 2011–12 Activities



- **This year's special guests:**
  - Stuart Henderson, Assoc. Director for Accelerators
  - Bob Kephart, IARC Project Manager/ILC Program Director
  - Bruce Chrisman, Chief Operating Officer
  - Katie Yurkewicz, Office of Communications
  - Amanda Thompson, International Services Manager
  - Jim Strait, Project Manager, LBNE
  - Patricia McBride, Head, CMS Center
  - Rob Roser, Head, Scientific Computing Division
- **Subcommittees and chairs**
  - Government Relations: Brian Rebel
  - Non-U.S. Users: Jonathan Lewis
  - Outreach: Nikos Varelas
  - Quality of Life: Michael Cooke
  - Users' Meeting: Lisa Whitehead

# Non-U.S. Users Subcommittee



- **Co-sponsored Users Office support on tax issues:**
  - “The Unexpected Tax Obligations of Foreign Nationals Visiting the U.S.,” speakers from KPMG, Jan. 31, 2012
  - Tutorial on Glacier tax preparation software for non-U.S. users, Amanda Thompson, Feb. 7, 2012
- **Reviewed health-insurance issues**
- **Prepared orientation slide-shows for international visitors in 9 languages**
  - with help from Aurora U. intern
- **Many thanks to Amanda Thompson for her work with the committee**



# Quality of Life Subcommittee



- Realizing that users in Village without cars may be isolated,
  - arranged ongoing trial of after-hours Fermilab on-site taxi service following Wed. Colloquium and Fri. wine and cheese seminar
  - investigated possibility of ZipCars in Village
- Developed proposal for joint Fermilab-Argonne career fairs – hope to have first one in Sept.

# Government Relations



- Email/letter campaigns to contact U.S. Congress in support of HEP research
- Trip to Washington, DC



- March 20–23, 2012
- Four organizations participated: Fermilab UEC, USLHC Users Org, SLAC Users Org, DPF
- 36 participants (15 from UEC/GSA)
- visited ≈200 Congressional offices
- visited DOE Downtown (Chu, Brinkman), DOE Germantown, NSF, OMB, and OSTP
- FRA/URA support critical to this effort
- the trip was a success, educated Congress and gained support

- need to maintain relationship throughout the year

# Congressional Visits



- **OUR ASK:** Please provide sustained funding for HEP as part of the science portfolio of the DOE Office of Science and the NSF
- Frontier science on the verge of discovery; An exciting time at LHC, neutrinos, astrophysics
- Education and outreach
  - We attract the very young; many of the brightest to science
  - We train the problem solvers; innovators; discoverers; leaders
  - We train the teachers
- Innovation: We are the stewards of particle accelerators
  - Medical diagnosis, medical treatment, biomedical research
  - Industrial processes; plastics/inks/electronics/metals/tires
  - Homeland security: luggage/cargo scans, landmine detection
- Innovation: Electronics, imaging, grids, networks & world wide web
- Message was well received, but
  - basic science is not a priority (although not controversial)
  - no room for special treatment (can't look like an earmark)

# Outreach and Users' Meeting Subcommittees



- **Outreach**

- restarted University Profiles
- developing database of local media and university science editors and physicists willing to write articles about HEP
- planning fall “Educational Fest” to advertise all programs and encourage participation
- started LinkedIn group of Fermilab “alumni”

- **Users' Meeting**

- exciting program
- 42 talks: physics, program status, theory, accelerator R&D, overviews
- public lecture by Nobel Laureate David Gross
  - thank you to the lecture committee and Office of Communications for joint effort
- excellent banquet, Festa Italiana
- URA Visiting Scholar funds awarded to support young scientists attending the meeting: 9 graduate students and post-docs supported
- informative and fun

# Other UEC Activities



- Nomination of new PAC members
- Written testimony in support of DOE OSc and NSF submitted to House and Senate Subcommittees on Energy and Water Development Appropriations
- “Meet the UEC” coffee break – solicited feedback from users in Dec.



- Participated in NUFO User Science Exhibition at House and Senate March 28–29
  - **NUFO represents 46 user facilities at 22 national labs, institutes, and universities**
  - **represented Fermilab at reception/poster sessions in House and Senate Office Buildings**



# UEC Membership



- **terms ending 2012**
  - Todd Adams
  - Michael Cooke
  - Dick Gustafson
  - Jonathan Lewis
  - Manfred Paulini
  - Brian Rebel
  - Lisa Whitehead
- **terms ending 2013**
  - Sergo Jindariani
  - Dan Kaplan
  - Ryan Patterson
  - Greg Pawloski
  - Nikos Varelas
  - Bob Zwaska

**I want to thank all current members for their hard work this past year and for the great results**



# Why should I join the UEC?



- **You are needed**
  - without a strong UEC, the Users Organization would lose effectiveness
- **You can make a difference**
  - quality of life: housing, pool, clubs, food, taxi,...
  - non-U.S. users: visas, immigration, taxes, support, ...
  - advocacy: we must convince members of government and the general public of the value of our work
  - annual meeting: this meeting belongs to the users and needs our effort to make it happen
  - feedback to the Directorate on issues that concern us
- **Please stand for election to the Fermilab UEC**
  - nominations open until June 28, 2012
  - election in July
  - term starts in September