

Terms of Reference of the Swiss Steering Committee for the Swiss-Norwegian Beam Lines at Grenoble, France.

0. Preamble

Recognising the growing importance of the application of synchrotron radiation in the fields of physics, chemistry and biology,

Recognising the necessity to promote research with this novel type of radiation and to co-ordinate existing efforts, and, most of all,

Recognising the fact that the Swiss Norwegian beamlines at the ESRF in Grenoble provides since 1995 synchrotron resources for the Swiss user's community,

Recognising that the newly created Swiss Light Source at PSI provides access to synchrotron radiation, in particular for scattering and absorption experiments,

Recognising the need for coordination among the Swiss supporters of synchrotron radiation and between the SNBL and the SLS,

the undersigned member institutions

- ◆ The University of Lausanne (The EPFL starting 2003)
- ◆ The Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich (ETHZ)
- ◆ The Swiss Light Source (SLS)

convene to create the Swiss Steering Committee of the Swiss-Norwegian Beam Lines (SSC/SNBL). This Committee will take over the responsibilities formerly described in the "Agreement Creating the Swiss Users Group of the Swiss-Norwegian Beam Line at Grenoble, France".

I. Object

The goals of the SSC/SNBL are:

- 1) The coordination of the co-operation, amongst Swiss participating institutions and of the financial support of the operation of the Swiss-

Norwegian Beam Lines at the European Synchrotron Radiation Facility (ESRF) in Grenoble (France),

- 2) The co-ordination between the SNBL and the Swiss Light Source (SLS) for an optimal exploitation of the beamlines accessible to Swiss users

II. Organisation

Under the name of "Swiss Steering Committee of the Swiss-Norwegian Beam Line at Grenoble, France" a "Société simple" has been organised and incorporated; it is governed by Articles 530 and following of the Swiss Code of Obligations and by the present Statutes of Incorporation.

III. Structure and Operation

III.1 The Committee is composed of 1 representative from each of the following institutions

- ◆ University of Lausanne (EPFL from 2003)
- ◆ ETHZ
- ◆ SLS
- ◆ Two Universities with groups active at the SNBL. The representatives will be selected by the respective Universities
- ◆ In addition, a representative of the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNF) and a representative of the Office of Science and Education (BBW) are invited as permanent guests.

III.2 The Chairperson shall always be a member from the institution requesting the contribution to the SNBL from the OFES, employing the Swiss staff of SNBL. He is appointed for a period of two years and can be re-elected.

III.3 Each member institution shall designate its representative on the Committee.

III.4 The Committee reaches its decisions on the basis of the majority of the Committee members present. A quorum is achieved when at least half plus one of the Committee membership is present at any meeting. In case of a tie vote the Chairperson will have a deciding, additional vote. The

SSC/SNBL shall meet as often as needed, but at least once a year. In case of need, each Committee member may designate a substitute, replacing him for one given meeting of the SSC. The Committee may invite non-voting observers to participate in its deliberations.

III.5 The Committee selects amongst his members the delegates of the SSC/SNBL to the Steering and Overview Committee of the Swiss-Norwegian Beam Lines.

The delegates are appointed for a period of two years. They are re-eligible.

III.6 The Chairperson, establishes the co-ordination amongst the member institutions

III.7 The Secretary is designed among the committee members

IV. General meeting of the Swiss users

The SSC shall organise at least once a year a General meeting of the Swiss users preferably in collaboration with the SLS. The meeting is open to any scientist working in the synchrotron facilities. The aim of this meeting is to inform the users on the SNBL activities and to obtain input from the participants for future developments.

V. Miscellaneous Provisions

V.1 Liabilities.

The committee members are not liable to any financial claim from creditors due to financial mismanagement of the SSC/SNBL or to any claim resulting from an accident incurred in the course of experiments performed on the Swiss-Norwegian Beam Line in Grenoble.

V.2 Amendment of the Terms of reference.

The Terms of reference may be adopted, amended or repealed by two-thirds majority of regular members

V.3 Dissolution.

The SSC/SNBL may be dissolved either by a two-thirds majority of regular members by vote or automatically at the end of the SNBL operations. Unused funds will be returned to the respective funding authorities.

In the event that the dissolution results from a termination of the SNBL operation, proceeds benefiting the Swiss party from any sale of SNBL

equipment shall be returned to the institutions in direct proportion to their contribution.

V.4 Replacement

The present document replaces the "Agreement Creating the Swiss Users Group of the Swiss-Norwegian Beam line at Grenoble, France" dated 23 December 1992.

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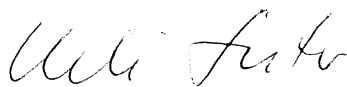


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