

ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF CERN USERS

Summary of the first meeting held on 5 December 1988
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Address by Director-General

The Director-General welcomed the members to the first meeting of the new ACCU which, having a similar mandate as the old Committee, was characterized by a strengthening of the representativity of its members and of its efficiency as a mutual consultation channel between the DG and the communities of users.

ACCU Chairman

ACCU elected as its interim-Chairman until spring 1989 E. Lillestol whose task it will be to ensure an efficient start of the Committee's work and to prepare for the election of the future Chairman.

CERN at the service of its scientific users

ACCU heard a presentation of CERN's policy following the CERN Review Committee's report. Two tools to improve the relations between CERN and its users are being implemented : the new ACCU and a CERN Users' Office.

Links between ACCU members and their communities

The importance of these links were stressed, and members were requested to implement channels for direct contact and/or formal consultation of the national community of users which they represented.

Non-Member State users should note that their interests are represented on the new ACCU through two members directly appointed by the Director-General.

ACCU decided to foresee a wide distribution of the minutes of its meetings.

User representation on CERN Committees

ACCU had a first discussion on the efficiency of having user representatives on a number of Committees and decided to ask the present user representatives on the Restaurant Committee, the Library Committee and the EP electronics pool Committee to accept an extension of their mandates until new representatives would be nominated by ACCU.

Survey of topics to be discussed by ACCU

ACCU made a first list of topics to be discussed on forthcoming meetings and decided to discuss, among others, at its next meeting the actions being undertaken by CERN to solve the housing, office/laboratory space and transportation problems linked with the start-up of the LEP experiments, next summer.