

# ***SUPA Annual Meeting 2008***

## ***Theme meetings – Agendas and Venues***

### **Timing**

Theme meetings will be held from 2 pm until 3.15 pm. They will be followed by a plenary question and answer session with the Executive Committee as the panel from 3.15 pm to 3.45 pm.

### **Theme Meeting Agendas and Venues**

#### Astronomy

Venue : Joseph Black Building A504

Agenda :

(1) The SUPA2 bid, overview and discussion.

(2) Not SUPA2. What should we be doing at a lower level to tie Scottish astronomy together in the longer term?

(3) The Astronomy graduate school. Are we happy with the courses (are our students happy?). What is our reaction to possible expansion, compulsory elements, compulsory assessment?

(4) Governance. We need some rules on Theme leadership (term of office; election mechanism).

#### Condensed Matter and Material Physics

Venue : Joseph Black Building Main Lecture Theatre B419

Agenda :

1. SUPA II: Overall status, CMMP theme bid and plans for Knowledge Transfer.
2. Graduate School course provision and assessment; status of Doctoral Training Centre bids.
3. Communication and connectivity within CMMP and SUPA in general.
4. The next generation of theme leadership.

#### Nuclear and Plasma Physics

Venue : Wolfson Medical Building, Yudowitz Seminar room

Agenda :

14:00-14:40 SCAPA in SUPA II, Dino Jaroszynski, 30' + 10' discussion

14:40-15:10 SUPA Graduate School business, N&PP issues, Marialuisa Aliotta and Dave Ireland, 20' + 10' discussion

15:10-15:15 Transfer to panel mtg.

## Physics and Life Sciences

Venue : Joseph Black Building C407

Agenda :

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| 1 | Outline of the PaLS bid within SUPA 2         | John Girkin   |
| 2 | Requirements for the Graduate School          | Avril Manners |
| 3 | Discussion of Graduate School courses         | Group         |
|   | a) Core skills ?                              |               |
|   | b) What would supervisors wish to see ?       |               |
|   | c) What would students like to be included ?  |               |
|   | d) Life science skills summer school          |               |
| 4 | Appointment of                                |               |
|   | Deputy leader                                 |               |
|   | Graduate school representative                |               |
|   | Confirmation of University representatives    |               |
| 5 | Consideration of pooled funding opportunities |               |
|   | Wellcome Trust                                |               |
|   | MRC   |               |

## Particle Physics

Venue : Joseph Black Building C305

Agenda :

1. SUPA II plans Presentation and discussion of the rewritten PP bid
2. SPARK Presentation of this as it is new
3. Graduate School  
Presentation of the PP Graduate School plans
4. Status of the LHC, ATLAS and LHCb

## Photonics

Venue : Kelvin Building 312

Agenda :

An informal theme breakout session to discuss the questions raised by the morning presentations.

The buildings indicated for the breakout rooms are marked as follows on the campus Map (already circulated):

Wolfson Medical Building C8, Joseph Black building (Chemistry) B4, Kelvin Building (Physics and Astronomy) B8.

There will be signs to show people where to go and guides will also be available.

## **Question and answer session**

Each theme is asked to prepare two questions, one first choice and one in reserve to deal with duplication, for the question and answer session which follows the theme meetings. They should also nominate someone to present the question(s).