

The 2nd ACFA Plenary Meeting

The Second ACFA Plenary Meeting was held in Nakhon Ratchasima, Thailand, hosted by National Synchrotron Research Center (NSRC), on the date of February 22 and 23, 1997, just before starting the ASEAN Regional School on the Applications of Synchrotron Radiation. The linear collider was discussed and the ACFA statement on it was also issued.

Participants

Hirota Sugawara (Chairman)	Zhipeng Zheng (Vice-Chairman)
Setsuya Kawabata (Secretary)	Shouxian Fang (IHEP/China)
Dingchang Xian (IHEP/China)	Tao Huang (IHEP/China)
D.D. Bhawalkar (CAT/India)	Som Nath Ganguli (TIFR/India)
Yorikiyo Nagashima (Osaka U./Japan)	Motohiro Kihara (KEK/Japan)
Shin-ichi Kurokawa (KEK/Japan)	Michiaki Takaishi (KEK/Japan)
Joo-Sang Kang (Korea U./Korea)	Swee-Ping Chia (U.Malaya/Malaysia)
Shih-Chang Lee (Inst.Phys./Taiwan)	Ian C. Hsu (TsingHua U./Taiwan)
Virulh Sa-yakanit (NSRC/Thailand)	Itti Rittaporn (NSRC/Thailand)
Sippanondha Ketudat (NESD-Board /Thailand)	Wirojana Tantraporn (Premier-Group-of Comp./Thailand)

Program

1. Opening Ceremony

- a. Welcome Address and Report by Virulh Sa-yakanit (NSRC)
- b. Opening Address by Sippanondha Ketudat (NESD Board)
- c. From the Last ACFA Meeting by H. Sugawara (KEK)

Current Status

China	S. Fang (IHEP)
India	S.N. Ganguli (TIFR) D.D. Bhawalkar
Japan	S. Kurokawa (KEK)
Korea	J.S. Kang (Korea U.)
Malaysia	S.P. Chia (Univ. Malaya)
Taiwan	I.C. Hsu (Tsing Hua & SRRC)
Thailand	V. Sa-yakanit (NSRC)

Discussion I

- a. Linear Collider by Y. Nagashima (Osaka Univ.)
- b. New Organization of KEK by M. Takaishi (KEK)

Writing ACFA Statement

Discussion II

- a. The First APAC by M. Kihara (KEK)
 - b. New Member Regions
 - c. Network Working Group
 - d. The third ACFA meeting
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Summary

1. Opening Ceremony

Prof. Virulh Sa-yakanit, Director of National Synchrotron Research Center, welcomed all participants in this meeting and reported about the ASEAN Regional School on the Applications of Synchrotron Radiation starting just after the ACFA meeting.

Mr. Sippanondha Keudat, National Economic and Social Development Board of Thailand, delivered his opening address with a hopeful prospect for the future of the Asian Accelerator Community.

Prof. H. Sugawara reported the discussion and the conclusion of the First ACFA meeting, and asked all participants to check the contents of its draft minutes. He also introduced the agenda prepared in this meeting and asked if there is any other item to be discussed. Professors S.N. Ganguli, I.C. Hsu, S.P. Chia, and S. Kawabata were nominated for the writing committee members, who are in charge of drafting the minutes and the ACFA statement of this meeting.

2. Current Status

In order to be acquainted with the current situations of individual regions, ongoing research activities were presented by the participants as follows;

Brief Overview of Particle Accelerator in China	S. Fang
Experimental High Energy Physics in India	S.N. Ganguli
Accelerators in India	D.D. Bhawalkar
Current Status of Activities in Japan	S. Kurokawa
Accelerator-based Science in Korea	J.S. Kang
Status of Accelerator related Science in Malaysia	S.P. Chia
Accelerator-based Science in Taiwan	I.C. Hsu
Thai National Synchrotron Research Center	V. Sa-yakanit

3. Discussion I

a. Linear Collider

Prof. Y. Nagashima, chairman of Japan High Energy Committee, presented the physics potentiality of the e^+e^- Linear Collider and its R&D status in Japan, and showed the action plan for promoting linear collider project approved by Japan High Energy Committee.

b. New Organization of KEK

Mr. M. Takaishi, General Secretary of KEK, described the new organization of KEK, which will start on April 1, 1997. The Institute for Nuclear Study (Univ. Tokyo) and the National Laboratory for High Energy Physics will be unified into a new organization, named High Energy Accelerator Research Organization, consisting of the Institute for Particle and Nuclear Studies, the Institute for Materials and Structure Science, the Accelerator Laboratory, the Applied Research Laboratory and the Administration office. The abbreviation of the new organization is also "KEK". KEK will further internationalize itself towards an international organization for the linear collider in Asia-Pacific region.

An extensive and in depth discussion has been done, especially on International Accelerator Center, proposed in the Action Plan, such as the necessity of this organization, the official language, the budget resources, and so on. It was also pointed out that the word "Asia-Pacific" should be used instead of "Asian Pacific" because Asian Pacific region can be misunderstood so as to exclude those Asian countries which does not along the Pacific Ocean.

4. Writing ACFA Statement on Linear Collider

The draft of ACFA statement on the e+e- Linear Collider was proposed by the writing committee. After several improvements the meeting reached at the final ACFA statement. (see ACFA Statement on the e+e- Linear Collider.)

5. Discussion II

a. The first Asian Particle Accelerator Conference

The first Asian Particle Accelerator Conference will be held at KEK from 23 till 27 March, 1998. The members of the international organizing committee and the local organizing committee proposed by Prof.M.Kihara, chair of APAC98 were approved. The first announcement of APAC98 will be sent soon, of which draft was shown in the meeting. The way of financial support for some APAC attendants was discussed.

b. Network Working Group

Although the network working group has been decided to create at the last ACFA meeting, none of contact persons was nominated. Recently, ICFA has also established a working group on the world wide communication in High Energy Physics. Chairman strongly asked the representatives to nominate a contact person in each region and the working group should summarize the current network situation in Asia.

c. New members and Observers

Prof.Skrinsky asked ACFA chairman if his institute (Novosibirsk) can be full member of ACFA. The meeting has agreed to accept Novosibirsk as a member if they express their wish in a letter to the chairman. If Australia region expresses its wish to join into ACFA, the meeting will accept it as a member. It was also agreed that the region apparently in Asia can be a member whenever they may join.

d. The third ACFA Meeting

The third ACFA meeting was decided to be held at KEK at the time of APAC98.

Acknowledgement

In closing the meeting, Prof.Sugawara, ACFA chairman, expressed his gratitude to all the participants for their constructive discussions, and thanked Prof.Virulh Sa-yakanit and NSRC staffs for their hospitality.