Minutes of the 8th SHiP Country Representatives Board  
(Berlin, 8 February 2017)

Present:
R. Tsenov (Bulgaria & Dubna), O. Ruchayskiy (Denmark), J. Chauveau (France), H. Lacker (Germany), W. Bonivento (Italy), M. Komatsu (Japan), C.S. Yoon (Korea), A. Blanco (Portugal), N. Polukhina (Russia), V. Shevchenko (Russia), K. Petridis (UK), A. Boyarsky (Ukraine), D. Joković (Institute of Physics, University of Belgrade), E. van Herwijnen (interim Chairperson), A. Golutvin (interim Spokesperson), R. Jacobsson (Technical Coordinator, also representing H. Dijkstra, CERN and D. Milstead, Sweden), G. De Lellis (ν_τ-detector)

Excused:
N. Serra (Switzerland)

1. Minutes of the previous CRB meeting. E. van Herwijnen, Interim Chairperson of the Country Representatives Board.
   The minutes of the CRB of 23 November 2016 were approved.

2. Reminder of the ‘Thursday’ meetings.
   To improve the communication in the experiment, weekly meetings will be held, using alternately the Thursday ‘Physics’ meeting (14.00-15.30) and the Friday ‘Conveners’ meeting (9.00-10.00) slots. Presentations with slides are welcome, but brainstorming and questions are also encouraged.

   A discussion was held about the frequency of the Collaboration meetings. It was agreed that we would continue with 3 Collaboration meetings yearly, evenly spaced throughout the year.

   The next outside CERN Collaboration meeting (in 2018) will be held in Moscow. V. Shevchenko will come with a proposal for dates and other relevant information at the next CRB (7 June 2017).

3. Greybook. Reminder & clarification of formalities if necessary
   To date, we have 33 (out of 52) institutes, 146 (out of 258) members and 13 (out of 16) countries signed up as SHiP participants in the CERN Grey book.

   The author list for SHiP publications will be created from the participants listed in the Greybook. To register, please follow the instructions on the page http://ship.web.cern.ch/ship/Constitution/registration.html.
Team leaders and their deputies must activate their CERN accounts if they did not have one before. Prior existence of a team is not sufficient. The team has to register as a SHiP team.

4. New member application from the Institute of Physics, Belgrade (D. Joković)

D. Joković presented his group.

The Institute of Physics at the University of Belgrade was unanimously accepted as a new member of the SHiP Collaboration.

5. Funding for the TDR phase. First steps towards a common fund. Round table.

A frank but confidential discussion took place where all delegates reported on the funding situation in their country. Some general points:

- Most countries can obtain funding for travel.
- To move forward, official approval from CERN to construct large prototypes is required.
- Some countries require shared obligations.
- In some countries, funding is linked to publications. We should aim at 8 or more publications per year.
- The common fund will be re-discussed at the next CRB meeting (7 June 2017).

6. AOB

The next SHiP collaboration meeting will be at CERN from 7-9 June 2017; the next CRB meeting will take place on Wednesday 7 June 2017.

The last collaboration meeting of 2017 will be held at CERN from November 8-10.

There being no further business, the chairperson closed the meeting.