

Resumé of 23.04.2013 meeting of the Board of Directors

Main topics in the agenda of possible interest

1. Communications and final balance 2012
 2. Master in HPC
 3. Missions abroad: flat rate (*trattamento forfettario*) and receipt policy
 4. SISSA Kindergarten and Summer Centres contribution
 5. Health insurance for UE, not Italian, citizens.
1. The meeting has been held before the appointment of the new Italian government. To our knowledge, the last issues the ministry was dealing with are a decree for Special Schools, but there was only a draft (after some very uncomfortable problems we managed to solve, not a big deal).
On September 23th-27th there will be the Congress of SIF (Italian Physics Society) at SISSA. The main event scheduled is the awarding of PhD *honoris causa* to Peter Higgs.
The cut to FFO for SISSA has been computed again according to a new interpretation by the Ministry. It turns out that, instead of being of 5% as imagined, it will be of 5.9% (they put together in FFO also funding that weren't computed as being part of it).
2. A joint working group SISSA/ICTP has drafted the syllabus for an *International Master in High Performance Computing for Science and Technology*. When last year we approved the realization of HPC facility in the old buildings of Via Beirut, at first we considered to establish a PhD course in HPC. Then we moved to a more suitable 15-18 months program for an International Master, more or less like the ones in Science Communication or Complex Action. It will be possible for SISSA PhD students to apply for the Master and for students attending the Master to be enrolled as PhD students to some course with "devoted focus" on HPC. It's possibly starting next Autumn.
3. According to a "new" (2011) MAE decree, it's possible to pay the missions abroad with a flat rate, which means without having to provide all the tickets and receipts. There's a ministerial table stating for each country the daily amount of refunds. In any case, the quota exceeding 77,47 euros/day will be taxed as a co.co.co. income, with IRAP, INPS contribution and IRPEF; moreover, opting for the flat rate excludes any further refunding, for trip or accommodation. In general, it seems not to be convenient at all. But it's up to the single student decide which kind of refunding method he prefers.
As everyone knows, the "normal" (recently, the only) way to get the mission refunding is to provide all the list of receipts which clearly stated the denomination of the hotel/restaurant/bar, the date and the 'list' of the payed services. Especially in the US, it's quite difficult to get a complete receipt, and it's much more common just having the credit card receipt with just the total amount. According to the General Secretary, if one goes to a mission not on external, to be reported, funds, this rule will be loosened, and it will be sufficient to provide receipts with place, data, and total amount – like the 'credit card' ones.
4. In the last meeting we approved the general lines for the contributions to SISSA users for enrolling the children to SISSA kindergarten. There have been quite a lot of complaints about this, especially by professors and by some post-doc, because of the late issuing and the way of computing the contribution with respect to the income. Since there have been less requests than expected, the contribution *pro capite* has been raised, and there's an official commitment for changing the way of computing it for the next year. In the same fashion, an improved way of computing contribution ranges for kids summer centres has been established. An official request for people interested in them has already been sent to all SISSA people.
5. Because of a turn of the screw, not Italian but EU citizens have begun to find much more difficulties in enrolling for the National Health Services – up to now, they simply had to pay

about 150 euros a year after providing a declaration by their own national Health Service if not covered by it, or for free providing the certifications of coverage by it. In case of impossibility of this solution (according to the School, it's for about 20 postdocs), SISSA has decided to subscribe a private health insurance and to cover the difference between its fee and the 'ordinary' public one.