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Subject: THALES APAPES update

dear APAPES collaborators

Wish you all a Happy New Year. Just wanted to give you a brief update on where we stand.

I have made contact with almost all of you by phone, skype or e-mail so you already know that our proposal has been successful. Hopefully the contract will be signed soon (February?) and the first funding arrive (April?).

In any case, work package 1 (WP1) has already started with the help of a new collaborator Dr. Nick Tsoupas from BNL - CAD who has done the first optic calculations of the beam transport through the new beam line which is being set up by the Demokritos group (Research Team 2 - RT2).

I will soon start looking to hire 1 Postdoc, 1 PhD student and some Masters and Diploma students. There is plenty of work to do and at this moment in particular there are small jobs (mostly design work) where even undergraduate students can get involved. If you know of any please let me know and have them contact me. Prof. Theo Mertzikis has already placed an ad on his site (in Greek): <http://magneticmoments.info/tmertzi/GR/home.GR.php>

You can learn more details about the project from the website I have started building myself at: <http://apapes.physics.uoc.gr/> any suggestions for improvements, report of typos, errors or other dysfunctions are always welcome.

You might also take the time to check your personal data/contact on the two links:

http://apapes.physics.uoc.gr/research_teams.php

<http://apapes.physics.uoc.gr/contact.php>

if there is some missing data from your part please supply asap (Rid, skype, fax, etc.) if relevant.

The website is a good way to keep informed and coordinated so it will be of central importance in this collaboration. Exactly how all of us will work together in the most efficient way still remains to be worked out.

You can see the work packages you are officially involved in at:
http://apapes.physics.uoc.gr/work_packets_tasks.php

You can see a description of each WP at:
http://apapes.physics.uoc.gr/work_packages.php

and their time frame at:
http://apapes.physics.uoc.gr/Timetable_of_WP_updated_proposal.htm

This assignment/labor division is what I put in the proposal and many of you might want to change or also participate in other parts. I be glad to discuss all this with you as you wish.

I also will have some travel money - mostly for travel to Athens for the collaboration but also a limited supply (particularly later on when the first results will need presenting) for attending conferences relevant to the APAPES project. Major conferences related to APAPES can be found at:
<http://apapes.physics.uoc.gr/conferences.php>

please let me know of any such plans so we can properly include it in the budget for 2012 and the future.

Always open for new suggestions and other bright ideas!
Best regards - keep in touch

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Cheers
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