

Report VP Meetings, Policy Council Meeting Summer 2008

-- will be updated regularly --

2008 Athens

Some technicalities have to be solved, but submission is reasonable and the programme is fascinating; attendance a bit low as of today (see Roberta's report).

2009 Albuquerque

Smooth organization of the event. There is a special report posted by the organizers on the website. Highlights: involvement of other national laboratories, many newcomers to be expected, spill-over day on Friday after the conference (proposals welcome!)

2010 Gyeongju, Korea

At the winter meeting, Gyeongju was voted as the location of the 2010 conference. No news on progress, so far.

2011 ???

There is one elaborated proposal from Portland, Maine for 2011, which I attach to this report. There was another location interested, but no substantial news so far. Call for proposals have been published in SD Newsletter and the mailing list. PC should decide on whether Portland should be asked to submit a final proposal, which could be confirmed at the 2009 winter meeting.

2012

Although too early for a final commitment, two European sites have indicated their interest to host the conference in 2012. Others might come along when the official call for proposals is placed.

Conference location policy / conference fee structure

A committee has been formed to analyse the possibility of (1) defining a formal conference location policy, and (2) to update the conference fee structure. Volunteers are welcome to join in.

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