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PENSIONS BOARD OF THE STAFF INSURANCE SCHEME

At its 24th meeting, held on 6 March 1986 in conjunction with the Investment Committee, the Pensions Board heard a report by Mr D. Dekkers on the meeting of the tripartite Working Group on CERN Pensions held on 4 and 5 March. Special mention was made of the progress achieved in examining solutions to the problem of pension guarantees in the event of dissolution of the Organization.

The Board began its annual examination of the investment policy of the Fund and heard reports on that subject from Mr P.C.P. Mollet, who manages the stocks, shares and precious metals portfolio, and from Mr C.D. Forman, who is in charge of the real-estate sector, and both gave the provisional results for 1985. The discussion of the investment policy will continue at the April meeting, during which the draft annual report will be examined.

The Board then continued the study, which it started at its 23rd meeting, of the first draft revised Rules of the Scheme, which will shortly be submitted to the tripartite Working Group on Pensions.

The Administrator announced with regret the death of Mr A. GILI, a beneficiary of the Scheme.

Under the heading of administrative matters, the Administrator informed the Board of the scales for the purchase of additional periods of membership drawn up by the Scheme's consulting actuary, which will be the subject of an implementing regulation to be published as part of the revision of the Rules.

At the end of the meeting, the Chairman took leave of Dr G.R. Macleod, who served on the Board for ten years in his capacity as the member appointed by the Director-General.

SEMINARS SEMINAIRES

Monday 24 March

EP SEMINAR

at 16.30 hrs – Auditorium

Most recent results from Mark III on J/psi decays

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Recent results from the Mark III collaboration on radiative and hadronic J/psi decays will be presented. The results are based on a high statistics sample of 5.8 million J/psi decays allowing for the observation of rare decay processes. Topics will include :

- *a discussion of the status of the $\chi(2200)$ and a search for additional decay modes;*
- *a study of the eta-charm decay mechanisms using the complete set of allowed J/psi to gamma vector vector decays;*
- *analyses for J/psi to omega + X and J/psi to phi + X, where X is a system of 2 or 3 pseudoscalars;*
- *a partial study of the scalar, axial vector, and tensor meson multiplets based on J/psi two body decays;*
- *a comparison of hadronic and radiative J/psi decays with emphasis on the theta (1690) and iota (1460).*

OFFICIAL NEWS

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SUMMARY OF THE 25th MEETING OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF CERN USERS held on 18 February 1986

Restructuring

ACCU took note of a presentation concerning the restructuring of some administrative services, and asked to be consulted before irreversible decisions were taken.

CERN budgets

ACCU was informed that in order to finish LEP construction as planned, the operations budgets of the Divisions have to be reduced. ACCU expressed concern that the large reduction of the EP budget would affect the experimental programme of the Laboratory.

Public relations

ACCU was asked to help increasing the commitment of the scientific community to CERN's public relations effort. ACCU underlined the importance of CERN exhibitions in the Member States.

Urgent store requests

ACCU urges that the existing procedure for signature rights for urgent store requests in EP Division remains unchanged.