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SUMMARY OF THE 6th MEETING OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF CERN USERS 6 December 1989

Information from the Director-General

The Director-General would request a budget increase (2% in 1991) at the December Council meeting, and asked for the support of the user community. He informed ACCU of a preliminary report given by ECFA to SPC on the European population of high energy physicists. However, he cautioned ACCU against possible misinterpretations tending to understate the effects of the growth of the CERN user population.

Financial & insurance coverage for unpaid associates

H. Wachsmuth presented preliminary findings of a Study Group. A small sample survey showed a lack of knowledge on the extent of insurance coverage (in some cases even lack of insurance). Short term (at least one month) insurance with Austria seems to be available. An efficient short term (also less than one month) insurance plan should be negotiated. The necessary level of financial support for short & long term visits was discussed. A questionnaire will be sent to delegates concerning national insurance, salary and subsistence schemes.

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F. Dydak presented the current situation, & proposed a model for the future which was strongly supported by ACCU.

EP Electronics Pool

D.Z. Toet reported from EPAC about the organization of the Pool, the rental scheme and

further aspects. The Pool should become self financing in 1990. From 1 January 1990, the rental fee, in a transition stage since being introduced in 1987, will be $1.5\% \times \text{value/month}$. EPAC keeps a close watch on the Pool's activities, and requests the User community to indicate what priorities should be assigned to ensure a well functioning service.

Theft & security audit

N.G. Eatough reported on the situation concerning the present resources (Entrance guards, patrols by the firemen & theft detection), and summarized the points discussed at a meeting of CERN, Harwell & Saclay security specialists.

Other business

It was strongly recommended that ACCU should press for the early construction of a new office block.

The Restaurant Committee has agreed that there will in future be two user representatives on the Committee. These need not necessarily be members of ACCU.

Next meeting

This is scheduled for 14 March at 10.00 hrs. Further meetings will be held on 11 July & 24 October.