

5th June 2018

Present:

Giles Hammond
Siong Heng
John Veitch
Liam Cunningham

Nils Andersson
Stuart Reid
Mariela Masso Reid
Glasgow office

1. Update on spend profile:

GCRF funds: Almost committed all funds. One more book order to go through. Money transfer to Sheffield for the laser purchase is underway (**Action: Ed to check on status**).

Newton Bhabha currently underspent in terms of travel to/from UK.

2. UK meeting, visa support:

Giles: will speak to Angela Eden re visa queries (email sent 5th June). Will also email around to check who is coming from India and encourages colleagues to come along.

Siong: 30-40 people for the meeting, this is now confirmed for 18th-20th July.

Giles: Format- formal talks and breakout sessions to discuss and talk, possible outreach. We need to work out who is coming.

Action: all to email their groups and get a list of names

Meeting 18-20 July booked at the Hilton Grosvenor

3. Update from India colleagues of VR activities/book launch:

Nils: Book launched was two weeks ago and was done at end of a Black holes/space time talk, ~300 hundred people. Attended. There was an article (maybe will send around). Some photos came through from the launch event. People seemed happy about it.

There's a summer school running in Nepal where Ian Jones is lecturing – (global challenge from UK and IUCAA) shipping books to Ian Jones. Maybe we should organize something with IUCAA once the other order is sorted. Better to do after the meeting in July and perhaps organize something face to face.

Giles: maybe best to order books to have in hand and then work something later.

Giles: Nils send article and photos so he can add photos to STFC report

Nils: Need to get photos from the FB link (done 5th June).

Giles: Main action on my side. Sort out visas inquiries. Also, send out mail to confirm who is coming from India. If you could each contact your institutes to try and confirm who is coming from the UK side to work out numbers. Will also put a program together, open to any ideas, items etc, that you might think useful and will try and incorporate.

3 AOB:

Changing calls to every three weeks as maybe not enough material for every two. Next meeting: June 26 (9am UK time – 1:30pm India).