

KAT Strategy Meeting, Zoom, 3+4 Dec 2020

KAT Guidelines

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KAT Guidelines (“Leitlinien”)

- They are the “KAT constitution”.
- Define purpose, tasks, membership, thematic constituencies, elections of KAT.
- Initial version from 2004, update from 2014.
- Amendment proposed now, explanations on following pages (in addition: editorial modifications).
- Amendment needs to be endorsed by community with a 2/3 majority (voting after this presentation).

Substantial amendments (1)

1. Membership in astroparticle community:
Scientists working abroad can now also become members if they are not German citizens: “*Scientists can be accepted by KAT as community members if they have a particular interest in German astroparticle physics.*”
2. Topics of KAT deliberations:
 - Support of young scientists added to education;
 - New: “*Strategies and structures in the fields of software, computing, machine learning, data and data access*”;
 - New: *Equal opportunities.*
3. KAT tasks:
 - New: “*Preparation of the strategy talks with BMBF in preparation of the ErUM-Pro funding periods*”;
 - Committee for accelerator physics (KfB) mentioned in addition to KET, KHuK and RDS as a partner for interaction and consultation.

Substantial amendments (2)

4. KAT election period:

New clause: “The election period *normally* lasts 3 years. *In duly substantiated exceptional cases the community can, upon a proposal by KAT, extend or reduce the present election period by up to one year.*”

Rationale: Avoid quasi-coincidence of KAT elections and preparation of strategy talks with BMBF for ErUM-Pro funding.

5. Ex-officio members:

- New clause for Max-Planck Institutes and Helmholtz Centres: *Two members each from the institutions active in astroparticle physics;*
- Chair instead of representative of the DPG particle physics division;
- New: *A representative of yHEP.*

6. Election procedure:

- Deputies are generally entitled to participate in KAT meetings;
- If a KAT member and their deputy leave KAT during an election period, a by-election for the corresponding constituency is held.

Discussion notes

- Note 1: