



Reports from the Funding Agencies

Department of Energy – Dr. Tim Hallman

A pioneering spokesman of the STAR Collaboration and the original STAR group leader at BNL. From a small group of good people, he built a large group of outstanding RHIC researchers. In late 2009, he was then persuaded to join the Department of Energy and to become the Associate Director of Science for Nuclear Physics

National Science Foundation – Dr. Allena Opper

The Program Director for experimental nuclear physics at the National Science Foundation. She was previously a professor and Chair of the Department at George Washington University (Wash. DC) and prior to that she was a professor at the Ohio University in Athens Ohio. She is an expert on the structure of the nucleon.



Poster Session Winners

The Poster session was organized by the Student-Postdoc members of the UEC:
Daniel Brandenburg, Alex Jentsch & Li Yi

We have two winners for “Best Poster” in 2018. The judges were:
Kolja Kauder, Alex Jentsch & Tony Frawley

First Prize goes to **Pavlina Todorova**.

She used the facilities at BNL's NASA Space Radiation Lab to study the increase in cancer risk when mice brains were subjected to high energy proton and heavy ion beams, with health implications for astronauts

Unfortunately, Pavlina had to leave yesterday and so she will not be able to present her Flash talk today.

The First Runner Up is **Amani Kraishan** from Temple University. She is here today and is able to deliver her Flash talk ... now!

RHIC and AGS Users Executive Committee Monthly Meetings

Second Thursday of each month, Noon-2:00 PM (Eastern)

For the 2017/2018 Academic Year

UEC Membership 2017-2018 Academic Year



Name	Position	Term	Affiliation
Jim Thomas	Chair	6/17 - 6/18	The Berkeley Lab
Rosi Reed	Chair Elect	6/17 - 6/18	Lehigh University
Lijuan Ruan	Past Chair	6/17 - 6/18	Brookhaven National Laboratory
Megan Connors	Member	6/16 - 6/19	Georgia State University
Brett Fadem	Member	6/16 - 6/19	Muhlenberg College
Justin Frantz	Member	6/17 - 6/20	Ohio University
Tony Frawley	Member	6/17 - 6/20	Florida State University
Jacquelyn Noronha-Hostler	Member	6/17 - 6/20	Rutgers University
Claudia Ratti	Member	6/16 - 6/19	University of Houston
Sevil Salur	Member	6/16 - 6/19	Rutgers University
Bjoern Schenke	Member	6/16 - 6/19	Brookhaven National Laboratory
Bernd Surrow	Member	6/15 - 6/18	Temple University
Aihong Tang	Member	6/16 - 6/19	Brookhaven National Laboratory
Kenneth Barish	Appointed Member	6/17 - 6/19	UC Riverside
Gabor David	Appointed Member	6/16 - 6/18	SUNY @ Stony Brook
Peter Petreczky	Appointed Member	6/16 - 6/18	Brookhaven National Laboratory
Matthew Posik	Appointed Member	6/16 - 6/18	Temple University
Daniel Brandenburg	Student/Post-doc Rep	6/17 - 6/18	Rice University
Alexander Jentsch	Student/Post-doc Rep	6/17 - 6/18	University of Texas
Li Yi	Student/Post-doc Rep	6/17 - 6/18	Yale University

Thank you to the UEC members who served so well (Red and Magenta)
Election results for new members will be announced shortly.

Our Guests



- **Guests who attended the UEC Monthly Meetings**

- **October 12th** **Director Gibbs** **(BNL)**
- **November 9th** **Abhay Deshpande** **(EIC, Stonybrook)**
- **December 14th** **Thomas Roser** **(CAD, BNL)**
- **January 11th** **Kerstin Kleese van Dam** **(CSI, BNL)**
- **February 8th** **Michael Thoennessen** **(Editor in Chief, APS)**
- **March 8th** **Berndt Mueller** **(ALD, Nuclear & Particle)**
- **April 12th** **Shirley Kendall** **(Manager, Diversity Office)**

- **Thank you to our guests who took time out of their busy schedules to meet with us and to discuss topics of importance to the RHIC and AGS Users Community**

Our primary goal is to communicate important issues to lab management, and vice-versa. BNL is a User Facility and so Users and Management aim to communicate constructively in order to ensure a successful laboratory, scientific community and research program.

Open Forums



- **We conduct an open forum twice a year: at the Fall DNP Meeting and at the Annual Users Meeting**
 - **The goal is to hear directly from Users regarding issues that affect user research & productivity while using BNL facilities**
- **The Fall DNP Meeting is held in October**
 - **We usually have a brief professional meeting and dinner/social in conjunction with the Open Forum**
- **The Annual Users Meeting (of course) is held in June**

The floor will be open for discussion as (almost) the last thing we do in this session

Nuclear Physics Day on the Hill



- **Educating Congress about the importance of Nuclear Science**
 - 35 RHIC and AGS Users made the trip to Washington DC on April 9th
- **We spoke to our representatives about**
 - The importance of Nuclear Science to the Nation and the economy
 - We requested modest growth (CPI + 1.6%)
 - And how we want to do the best science possible
 - 105 RHIC, JLAB and FRIB Users formed into 24 teams
 - We visited 110 Offices of Congress, NSF and DOE HQ
 - It was a private trip (i.e. pay your own way)
 - Thank you to everyone who found the time and money to make the trip!
Jasmine Brewer, Alex Jentsch, Julia Velkovska, Ken Barish, Rosi Reed, Megan Connors, Peter Steinberg, Justin Frantz, JLJ and many more ...
- **This is an important activity ... there are many indications that it does make a difference**
 - Under Secretary Paul Dabbar emphasized the importance of these visits ... we thanked him for 2018 appropriations, he thanked us for the visit
 - Under Secretary Dabbar also sent us a message “International participation and contributions are important for the growth of future facilities”



Changes to the ByLaws

The UEC is delighted to observe that we currently have three Student/Postdoc members on the Users Executive Committee and we believe that these young people are very popular and a huge addition to the Committees deliberations. The UEC recommends that we adopt the following changes:

Currently our bylaws say (in part):

The Executive Committee (UEC) shall consist of **18** members, including the Chair, the Chair-Elect, the Past Chair, nine elected, **two** elected Student/Post-doctoral, and four appointed members. Members of the UEC shall rotate; each year four new members (one of which is the Chair-elect) shall be elected for three-year terms and **two** Student/Post-doctoral members shall be elected for one-year terms. Nominations for the elections shall be made by the Nominating Committee. Elections shall precede the Annual Users' Meeting, during which the names of those elected shall be announced. Each year the current Chair shall appoint and the UEC shall confirm two additional members for two-year terms.

We would like to change this to:

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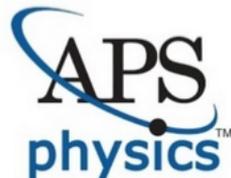
This formulation of the bylaws allows us to elect the same number of people into each category each year and has a very desirable long term stability.



DNP Executive Committee

The APS Division of Nuclear Physics is the primary organization for the promotion of Nuclear Physics in the US. The DNP Fall meeting is a particularly important meeting for our field. **Please join the APS and the DNP.**

If you are a member of the DNP, the RHIC Users Executive Committee recommends that you nominate **Uli Heinz (OSU)** and **Julia Velkovska (Vanderbilt)** for the DNP Executive Committee for the 2018 ballot. We need 55 votes.



Division of Nuclear Physics 2018
Nomination Ballot - Nomination
Deadline: July 2, 2018

Thank you for your nomination(s).

<https://www.aps.org/units/dnp/>

Click on the "DNP EC Nomination Form" link

Open Discussion



- **Site Access and Science**
 - Badging, training, the EIC, etc.
- **Funding, Politics and Programmatics**
 - Washington DC trip, Petitions, Letters, etc.
- **Meetings, Communications and Outreach**
 - AUM, DNP, open forums, etc.
- **Quality of Life**
 - Food (especially access to food at odd hours), Housing, Transportation, Day Care (or lack there-of), etc.
- **Diversity**
 - Maintaining a diverse, productive and stress free work force

UEC Working Groups and Committees

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- **Incoming Chair**
 - **Sevil Salur** (Rutgers University)

Congratulations to all!

