YPP Chapter at SLAC

Status

Global YPP meeting, May 13th, 2002

Local core group:
- Ben Brau
- Chris Potter
- Abi Soffer
- Wolfgang Walkowiak
- Amanda Weinstein

Webpage:
http://www-project.slac.stanford.edu/ypp/
Developments: Meetings (1)

- Held **HEP funding 101** meeting on February 19th, 2002
  - Jonathan Dorfan, Director of SLAC, gave an introduction into the lab’s funding and the process behind it
  - 46 very interested young physicists attended and asked very good questions during the discussion

- **Outreach Opportunities at SLAC** meeting held on March 26th, 2002
  - Helen Quinn, SLAC‘s Education and Outreach Manager gave an overview of existing programs
  - Outreach projects proposed by core group:
    - ”Three questions project” with local high schools
    - Cloud chamber project with local schools
Developments
Meetings (2)

- **How to get the Press your Physics deserves?**
  Meeting with Neil Calder, the new director of SLAC’s Office of Communications on April 19th, 2002
  - Fairly well attended meeting with lot’s of humor and several important lessons. (Importance of visual media ...)

- **Lecture series Physics at an $e^+e^-$ Linear Collider**
  by Michael Peskin organized via YPP. Four-parts series will start tomorrow (two lectures per week).
  - [LC R&D opportunities workshop at SLAC on May 31st]
  - [LC Retreat at Santa Cruz at end of June]

- **More details on all past and future meetings are found at**
  http://www-project.slac.stanford.edu/ypp/meetings/yppmeetings.html
Other Developments

- Article on YPP in Jan/Feb issue of The Interaction Point (linked from our webpage)
- Have held elections for local chapter representative to global YPP (end March/early April). Wolfgang Walkowiak is representative.
- We have good connections to SLUO Executive Committee.
- Local YPP@SLAC email list has approx 80 subscribers.
Future projects

Several events are envisaged in the near term future:

- **HEP funding 102**
  Next in the series: Funding from the perspective of university groups.
- Meeting with Persis Drell, SLAC's new Research Director.

Other (fairly concrete) ideas:

- Revival of a grad student/postdoc journal club.
- Start "Three questions project" pilot project with one local high school.

Challenge:

- How to involve additional people in local core group?