an *ad hoc* CEC working group is being discussed with Brussels.

ILL Agreement Signed

The protocol to officially extend until 2003 the agreement between France, German and the UK covering the Institut Laue-Langevin, Grenoble, was signed in Paris on 25 March. This completes formal arrangements for operation, scheduled to start in mid-1994, of the ILL's High Flux Reactor after refurbishment.

ESRF Users' Meeting

The ESRF in Grenoble will hold a Users' Meeting on 24-25 September 1993 to give prospective users the information they require to make proposals for scientific experiments on eight of the first beamlines. For information, contact Mrs. R. Mason, ESRF, BP 220, F-38043 Grenoble [tel./fax: +33 () 76 88 20 14 / 76 88 21 60; mason @ ill.fr].

Four beamlines are already operating, and the decision to instrument 11 more on the part of the experimental floor which has been treated for vibrations by injecting grout will be taken at the end of April. The ESRF Council has approved installations proposed by four Cooperating Research Groups and Y. Petroff, the new ESRF Director, who took over from R. Haensel when his term-of-office ended on 31 December, reports that applications for three more CRG's are expected shortly. The ESRF synchrotron is operating to specifications at 100 mA and 6 GeV with a beam lifetime time of 10 hours. If the decision on the floor is favourable, regular user operation begins in autumn 1994 with the eight lines, implying that there is only a 3-4 months delay relative to the date at which it was originally planned to have this number of lines available.

Physique en Herbe 93

The 10th *Physique en Herbe* conference for young physicists takes place at the Institut National des Sciences et Techniques Nucléaires in Saclay near Paris on 28 June–2 July 1993. Contact: Oliver Beckers, PCM, Université de la Vallée de Marne, 2, allée Jean-Renoir, F-93160 Noisy-le-Grand (tel./fax: +33-1-49 32 60 92 / 44 27 52 33).

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Armenia and Bosnia

Armenian physicists are presently working under terrible conditions and help is urgently needed to maintain some semblance of professional life. Roger Balian, the Editor-in-Chief of *Europhysics Letters*, has launched an appeal that aims to collect funds to cover the travel expenses of Armenian physicists collaborating with physicists elsewhere in Europe. Help to pay the membership fees to EPS and to participate in EPS activities is also envisaged as the Armenian Physical Society was admitted as an EPS member by Council on 26 March.

Donations should be sent either as cheques made out in French francs to Professor R. Balian, 36, rue Ernest Renan, F-92190 Meudon, or as postal transfers to Post Office account number CCP 286-79 D Paris, giving as reference "Armenia Appeal".

The French Physical Society's Human Rights Commission has launched an "*aide de première urgence*" scheme for physicists from Bosnia. A foreign currency bank account has been opened in Zagreb and two members of the Society based there are distributing small grants directly to recipients. The scheme started with significant donation to the French Physical Society, to which others are now being added.

Further donations are most welcome. They can be sent either as cheques made out in French francs to Bosnia Appeal, c/o Human Rights Commission, Société Francaise de Physique, 33, rue Croulebarbe, F-75013 Paris, or as postal transfers to Post Office account number CCP 227-92 E 020 Paris, giving as reference "Bosnia Appeal".

Those interested in establishing similar schemes from other countries might wish to obtain information from F. Laloë, Laboratoire de Spectroscopie Hertzienne de l'ENS, 24, rue Lhomond, F-75231 Paris Cédex 05. Tel.: +33 (1) 47 07 54 13; fax: +33 (1) 45 35 00 76; email: laloe @ physique.ens.fr

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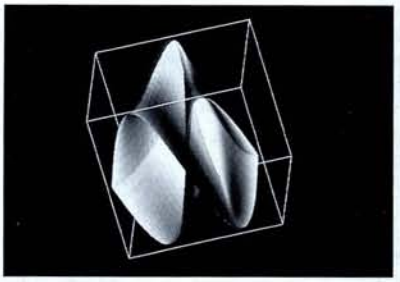

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