

In addition to the discussion surrounding the funding for TRIUMF announced in the recent federal budget there are a number of other things on the plate of the IPP council.

1) Our search for an eighth IPP-RS closed February 28th. Council will have a series of phone meetings next week to establish a short-list. We hope to schedule interview/visits in early April.

2) NSERC is in the process of setting up a long range planning exercise for subatomic physics. They anticipate forming a committee by late spring, having it consult with the community in the fall of 2005 and produce a report about 12 months from now. We are considering having an IPP town-hall meeting to discuss the particle physics projects that will be considered by this long range plan as part of our IPP-AGM.

3) The IPP-AGM will be held June 5th in Vancouver—in conjunction with this year's CAP meeting. More details will be available in the spring.

4) Council is preparing a response to the Prime Minister's Science Advisor's "Big Science" document. He is soliciting feedback by mid-May. We welcome your input on this document over the next few weeks.

5) We remind you that minutes of council meetings and other IPP news can be found at our website ([www.ipp.ca](http://www.ipp.ca)). In particular there are some new job postings at <http://www.ipp.ca/positions.htm>

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