

CHIPP Plenary Meeting 2026

ECFA ECR Report

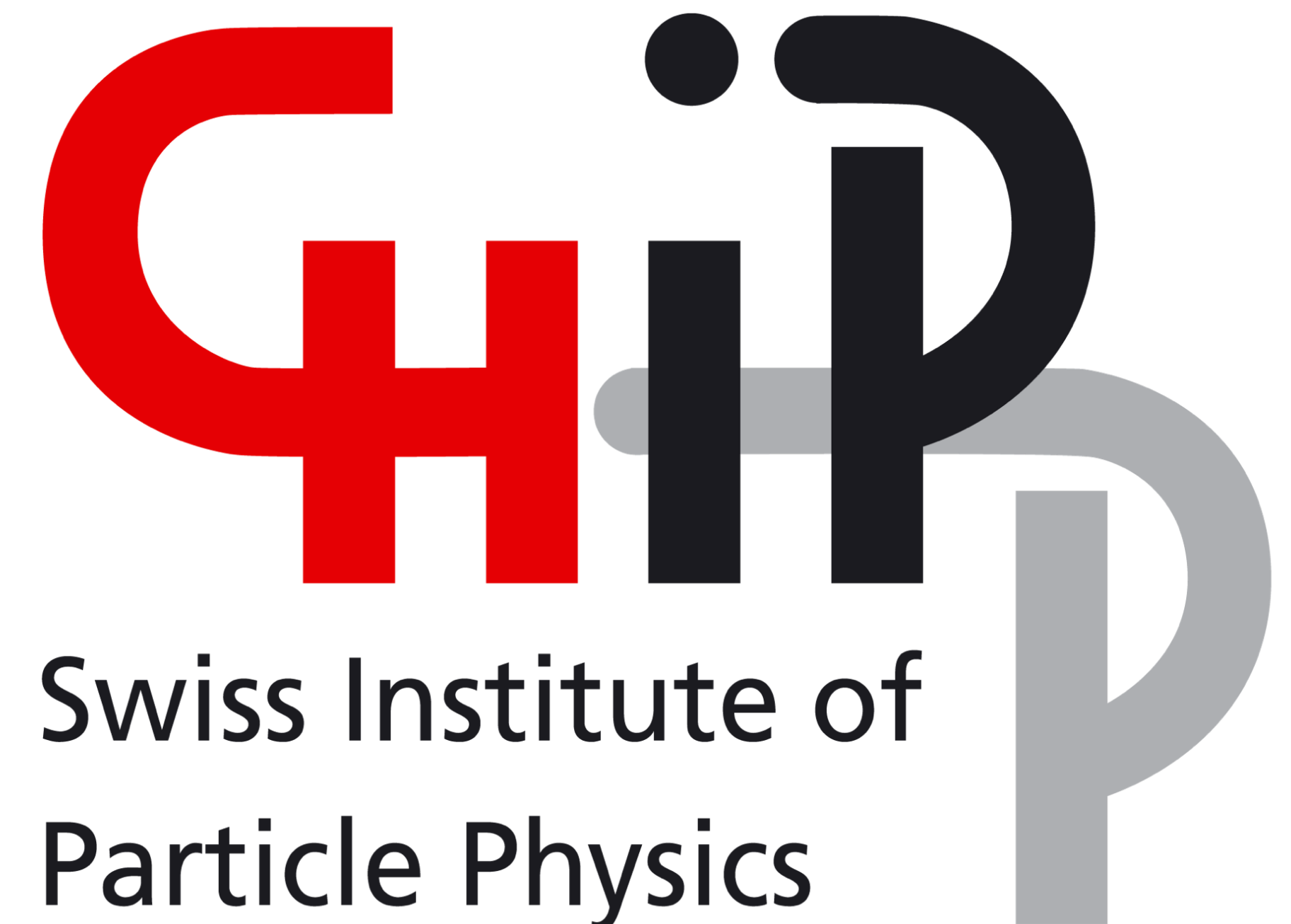
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ECFA ECR panel

ECFA

European Committee for Future Accelerators

- All countries (+CERN) elect representatives to sit in the "plenary" ECFA
- One representative per country in the "restricted" ECFA
- Since 2020 an Early Career Researcher (ECR) Panel exists. It has representative both in PECFA and RECFA.
- <https://ecfa.web.cern.ch/>

- **Objective:** Discuss all aspects that connect to the future of research in particle physics + advisory role to the ECFA
- **Members:** PhD & Postdoc (non-perm. or max PhD+8), 3 / ECFA country for 2+2 years
(Act as individuals but should represent the view of ECRs of their countries)

➡ Switzerland has 3+1 representatives: **Pantelis Kontaxakis** (UniGe), **Giuseppe Lospalluto** (PSI/ETHZ), **Valeriia Lukashenko** (UZH) & **Marko Pesut** (PSI)

[Structure & composition](#)

[Full mandate of the ECFA ECR panel](#)

[Talk @Plenary ECFA \(4.07.2024\)](#)

ECFA ECR Update

ECR event @SPS 2026 with senior talks, opportunities for networking, inter-university connections...
Unsuccessfull, had to be cancelled due to lack of participants (4 registrations)

*Input and ideas are welcome!
How do we motivate students to join ECR events?*

We believe PhD students and postdocs may not feel strongly encouraged to participate because:

1. They don't exactly know who we are and what we do
2. Long-term career development & networking are not sufficiently emphasised from the beginning of the PhD
3. Participation is not always actively encouraged by PIs, group leaders, and other senior researchers.

→ *Should we adopt a top-down approach, contacting directly PIs and group leaders to actively encourage ECR participation?*