UEC Updates: AUM and Tribble Meeting

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AUM Summary of Status

- June 9-12th Workshops 9-10, Plenary 11-12
- Narrowed down BNL Perfect Liquid 10th Anniversary to either Thurs/Fri
- Theme finalized (comments from Media)
 - "The Perfect Liquid at RHIC: 10 Years of Discovery"
- Poster Contest Underway Due Date 3/30, should be available shortly after that
- Announcement Email?
- Web page first version Live
- Workshops: almost all convener's identified/invited/accepted
- DOE/NSF Contacted, Speakers Identified (Allena Opper NSF, Tim Hallman DOE, Jim Sowinski backup)

Perfect Liquid 10th Anniversary at User's Meeting 2015

- Berndt out with surgery till ~end of month?
- Trying to proceed w/ BNL Perfect Liquid 10th Anniversary idea without Berndt for now
- David Manning (Community Relations) Pete Genzer (Media and Communications) Karen McNulty Walsh met w/ Kelly and I
 - They suggested maximizing publicity w/ science writing community w/ late afternoon cocktail event after Thursday plenary (DOE could introduce)
 - Big Name Speaker? Karen is looking into Alan Alda
 - Suggestions for other more realistic ideas?
 - Looks like it will be small: didn't sound likely there would be many extra funds for this...
- Planning around 4pm Thursday

 Will need to move poster session

Current Workshop List/Status

- 1) [Half Day] "Flow in Small Systems" (flow/jet modification/dAu, pPb,HeAu?) Fuqiang Wang, (STAR), Purdue [accepted], Shengli Huang, PHENIX, Vanderbilt, [accepted], Soeren Schlicting, BNL (Theory), [accepted]
- 2) [Full Day?] "Spin/ Nucleon Structure/EIC" Suggested Conveners: Rene Fatemi (STAR) [declined], Elke Aschenauer (STAR/EIC) Itaru Nakagawa PHENIX Raju Venugopalan [invited] or Jianwei Qiu
- *3) [Half] "Quarkonia" **Peter Petreczky (BNL) Marzia Rosati (PHENIX)** BingChu Huang (STAR) [accepted]
- *4) [Half Day] "Thermal Photon Puzzle", Gabor David (PHENIX), Lijuan Ruan (STAR) [accepted] Bjoern Schenke
- *5) [Full Day] "Energy Scan/Theory" → (BEST Collaboration) (Full Day) Daniel MacDonald (STAR) Jeff Mitchell [BNL] Swagato Mukherjee (Theory) Volker Koch?) Four conveners sounds OK to me for full day workshop. Any further comments on the last three, otherwise I will contact all of these people (assuming Daniel is a for sure already)?
- 6) [Half Day] "Hard and Heavy Probes of the QGP" Suggested Conveners: Alan Dion (PHENIX) Joern Putschke (STAR) [tenatively accepted?] Theory Ivan Vitev [half accepted]
- *7) [Half Day]"Only at RHIC: Exotic Collision Species/Projectile Systematics" Suggested Conveners: Dennis Perepelitsa (PHENIX/ATLAS) [invited--waiting for reply] Hui Wang [invited] (STAR) CAD – Contacted Christophe Montage [contacted-couple suggestions—I was thinking about this]
- *8) [Half Day] Quantifying the properties of the QGP Paul Sorensen not using Hui Wang / Bjorn Schenke as conveners, will identify speakers first – Names: Julia Velkovska, Ron Soltz, Scott Pratt / MgGill.

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- Pretty short and sweet.
- Congressional Budget good
- Discussed some adverse Budget Results (contract with Battelle/BSA contained less operating money for running BNL—same cost to DOE)
 - Didn't really affect RHIC?
 - Budget cut a lot of places
 - Mostly concern from other User Groups/ some ancillary beam lines shutting down...
- Pop-up CAFÉ's: little discussion on that.