

CMS Spokesperson Elections

The procedure for the election of the CMS Spokesperson is described in Annex 2.5 of the CMS Constitution [↗](#).

Spokesperson election 2020

The Spokesperson election for the term of office September 2020 to August 2022 will take place in February 2020. It is the first election to be held using the revised procedures agreed in 2019.

Nomination and announcement of candidates - All members of the CMS Collaboration can stand for election to the position and can therefore be nominated. All authors for whom M&O-A is paid in 2020 are able to nominate SP candidates directly. Any member of CMS who is not eligible to nominate may propose a nomination to someone who is.

Nominations were made to the secretary of the Election Committee in the period from September 27, 2019 until October 25, 2019, as per email instructions sent to all of CMS on September 27.

Candidates were announced on November 28, 2019.

Getting to know the candidates - The candidates will provide statements and C.V.s by December 20, 2019, which will be freely available within CMS. The Election Committee will organise several open meetings with the SP candidates in January 2020. The schedule will be such that participation by all geographical regions is possible. Candidates will present their statements, followed by time for questions and discussion. If possible, these meetings will be recorded and made available to those who are unable to attend.

The schedule for these meetings with the candidates is:

- Fermilab, January 24, 11 am or 1 pm
- Fermilab, January 27, 1 pm
- CERN, January 29 at 10 am and at 3 pm

For these meetings questions to the candidates are being collected from the whole collaboration in December. For this process a web based anonymous collection box is available [here](#) [↗](#), it will be closed on January 8, 2020.

The election: participation and schedule - Each CMS author for whom M&O-A is paid in 2020 has one vote except for the CBI of each eligible institute who has 4 votes. For an institute (or group of institutes) to be eligible to vote it (they) must satisfy the criteria specified in Section 2.2 of the CMS Constitution [↗](#).

The voters lists are based on the PhD M&O status list for 2020 [↗](#). Emails have been sent to request CBIs to review the voting list for their institution by November 28, 2019 midnight, after which the voting list is final.

Round 1 of the election is scheduled to start on January 30, 2020 and last for 7 calendar days. The vote will be carried out electronically and is confidential. If no candidate achieves 50% of the votes cast, the two candidates with the highest number of votes go through to round 2 of the election.

A test election was conducted December 2 - 13, 2019 using the final voting lists. More details and results are available [here](#).

Election Committee - An Election Committee (EC) carries out the organisation and management of the elections, with its membership proposed by the CMS Regional Representatives of the Management Board. The CMS Resources Manager and Collaboration Board Chair are ex-officio members.

For the 2020 election the EC members are:

Tiziano Camporesi - CERN	Marc Besancon - France
Matthias Kasemann - Germany, Chair	Salvatore Costa - Italy
Tagir Aushev - Russia, Dubna Member states	Florenca Cannelli - Switzerland

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Gavin Davies - UK
Claudia Wulz - other CERN Member states
Erhan Gülmez - CERN non member states B
Andrzej Charkiewicz - Resources Manager, ex-officio, secretary

Meenakshi Narain - US
Suyong Choi - CERN non member states A
Harrison Prosper - CB chair, ex-officio

General election information

- Election Schedule
- Voting list for SP 2020 election [↗](#), (finalised on Nov 29, 2019)
- The candidates for the election are

Austin Ball / CERN
Patricia McBride / FNAL

Jorgen d Hondt / VUB Brussel
Archana Sharma / CERN

Luca Malgeri / CERN

- CV's and statements from candidates will be available on Dec 20, 2019 in docDB [here](#) [↗](#).

Frequently asked questions

Who can participate in the election?

Each CMS author for whom M&O-A is paid in 2020 has one vote except for the CBI of each eligible institute who has 4 votes. CMS members with Emeritus status are not entitled to vote, nor are members with free-M&O-A status or doctoral students.

How can I check whether I can participate in the election?

There are two voting lists: one for the CBIs and one for the other eligible voters. The voting lists will be checked by the CBIs of each institution before November 29, 2019. They will be public after November 29, 2019, see link above.

How should a regular CMS member and the CBI cast their votes?

All eligible CMS members except CBIs will receive an email containing a unique link to vote. The link should be followed to participate in the election. A CERN user account is not required for participation.

All CBIs who are eligible to participate as CBI will receive an email containing 4 unique links for casting their votes. Each link should be followed to participate in the election 4 times. The CBI is free to cast their votes at their discretion. The CBI may cast its votes in whole, in part or not at all based on the opinion of the group, it is also possible to distribute the votes. A CERN user account is not required for participation.

Is it possible to delegate participation in the election?

A formal delegation process is not considered necessary. The invitation with the voting instructions is distributed by email, which can be forwarded to someone to cast the vote in case of absence during the voting period.

Election Committee presentations

- MB 223, September 2, 2019 [↗](#)
- CB 125, September 27, 2019 [↗](#)
- Weekly General Meeting, November 28, 2019 [↗](#)
- CB 126, December 17, 2019 [↗](#)

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