New LCGT structure and scheme with the non-Japanese collaborators

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In order to encourage further the active participation of the non-Japanese collaborators and to help acquire the budget for the group activity from their own country, the LCGT Executive Committee has discussed the new structure and scheme in the LCGT collaboration. We propose;

1) Any group in any country (or region) can contribute to the existing "sub-groups" in LCGT. In order to clarify the responsibility of the non-Japanese groups, the head of the sub-group members from each country (or region) can become a "chief" (if the group prefers). In this structure, there could be several chiefs in a sub-group, including the one from the Japanese group.

The Japanese chief should take the responsibility of coordinating all the activities in the sub-group during the construction of LCGT.

1-2) A collaboration agreement between

LCGT-PI and PI of the country (or region), which defines the responsibility of each country (or each region) should be concluded at a proper time.

- 2) "International Board of Representatives" should be formed.
 - The members are: PIs from each country (or region) and the EC members.
 - The meeting will be held (at least) in every F2F international collaboration meeting. (The first one will be held at the Feb. 2012 F2F meeting).
 - · The agenda items to be discussed include;
 - i) Long term vision of LCGT,
 - ii) dates of the F2F international collaboration meetings,
 - iii) other important issues of the LCGT collaboration.