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**Subject:** Snowmass Energy Frontier Convener Nominations  
**Date:** November 9, 2019 at 7:50 AM  
**To:** chill@physics.osu.edu, tmptait@gmail.com

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**From:** Matthew Feickert matthew.feickert@cern.ch  
**Subject:** Snowmass Subconvener Nomination for Energy Frontier: QCD Subgroup  
**Date:** November 10, 2019 at 5:02 AM  
**To:** chill@physics.osu.edu, tmptait@gmail.com

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Hi Christopher and Tim,

I'm writing to nominate Dr. Matt LeBlanc, a postdoctoral researcher at the University of Arizona, as a subgroup convener for the Energy Frontier QCD group of the "Physics Drivers" sector of the Snowmass 2021 process.

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Please let me know if you have any questions or if I can provide you with additional information related to the nomination.

Best,  
Matthew

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University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

**From:** Tim Tait ttait@uci.edu  
**Subject:** Re: Snowmass Subconvener Nomination for Energy Frontier: QCD Subgroup  
**Date:** November 10, 2019 at 11:18 AM  
**To:** Matthew Feickert matthew.feickert@cern.ch  
**Cc:** Chris Hill chill@physics.osu.edu

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Hi Matthew

Thank you for this nomination. We will be sure to pass it along to the DPF executive committee for the next stage of the selection process.

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**To:** Simon Knapen knapen@ias.edu  
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**Subject:** nomination of Pavel Nadolsky for a topical group leader in the Energy Frontier  
**Date:** November 10, 2019 at 10:28 AM  
**To:** chill@physics.osu.edu, tmptait@gmail.com

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Is this enough, or should I make it more formal?

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From: **R Sekhar Chivukula** rschivukula@physics.ucsd.edu  
Subject: Snowmass Convener Nomination  
Date: November 10, 2019 at 12:43 PM  
To: chill@physics.osu.edu, Tim Tait tmptait@gmail.com

RC

Dear Chris and Tim,

Attached please find my nomination of Prof. Meenaskshi Narain (Brown) as a convener of the “Energy Frontier” group for Snowmass2021.

Best Regards,

Sekhar

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November 10, 2019

Dear Colleagues,

I am writing to nominate **Prof. Meenakshi Narain** (Brown University) to serve as a convener of the “Energy Frontier” group of the upcoming Snowmass2021 community planning process. Prof. Narain has outstanding qualifications to serve in this role and is an exemplary contributor to the high-energy physics community. She is a member of the CMS collaboration and chairs the US CMS Collaboration Board, serves as a regional representative from the U.S. in the Management Board of the CMS Experiment, serves as a member of HEPAP, and served as the coordinator of the LHC Physics Center at Fermilab (from 2013-16). In addition to the

numerous roles noted above, she was a founding co-chair of both the CMS Diversity Office and the USCMS Diversity and Inclusion Committee.

Prof. Narain's leadership in Energy Frontier Physics is particularly notable. She served as a co-convenor of the "physics and performance studies" group preparing for the CMS High Luminosity LHC (HL-LHC) program, leading a study which covered all aspects of the program and resulted in a large number (of order 40) sensitivity projections which became part of the CERN "Yellow Report" for HL-LHC physics. She also contributed to the "Future Colliders" section of the APS/DPF whitepaper submitted to the European Strategy group in 2018. Previously, she was a co-convenor of the "New Particles" subgroup of the "Path Beyond the Standard Model" group in the High Energy Frontier for Snowmass 2013. As part of this previous Snowmass process, she also led the LPC-based "SM backgrounds" group which played an essential role in understand the reach of 14, 33, and 100 TeV pp colliders.

Finally, in addition to the qualifications outlined above, I would highlight a personal observation based on my collaborations and interactions with her: Meenakshi Narain gets things done and gets them done well. Snowmass2021 is crucial to the future of U.S. high-energy physics in general, and for U.S. participation in energy-frontier physics in particular. I can think of no better individual to serve as a co-convenor of this important effort than Prof. Narain.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Sekhar Chivukula".

R. Sekhar Chivukula  
Distinguished Professor  
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**From:** Tim Tait ttait@uci.edu  
**Subject:** Re: Snowmass Convener Nomination  
**Date:** November 11, 2019 at 11:00 AM  
**To:** R Sekhar Chivukula rschivukula@physics.ucsd.edu  
**Cc:** Chris Hill chill@physics.osu.edu



Hi Sekhar

Thanks very much for this nomination. We will pass it on to the DPF executive committee for the next stage of the selection process.

Best wishes

Tim

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**From:** Tim Tait ttait@uci.edu  
**Subject:** Re: Snow mass convener nomination  
**Date:** November 9, 2019 at 8:15 AM  
**To:** Tao Han than@pitt.edu  
**Cc:** Chris Hill chill@physics.osu.edu



Hi Tao

Thanks, she did send it to us!

Best wishes  
Tim

On Nov 9, 2019, at 4:17 AM, Han, Tao <[than@pitt.edu](mailto:than@pitt.edu)> wrote:

Hi Chris and Tim,  
I am passing on a nomination, if you have not received the same.  
This has my endorsement as well.  
Thank you!  
Tao

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "PASCOLI, SILVIA" <[silvia.pascoli@durham.ac.uk](mailto:silvia.pascoli@durham.ac.uk)>  
**Subject:** Snow mass convener nomination  
**Date:** November 9, 2019 at 4:58:08 AM EST  
**To:** "Han, Tao" <[than@pitt.edu](mailto:than@pitt.edu)>

Dear Tao,

I would like to nominate Prof. Meenakshi Narain as convener of the "Energy Frontier" group of the upcoming DPF Snowmass Community planning process.

Best regards

Silvia

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Best wishes

Tim

On Nov 10, 2019, at 3:52 PM, Han, Tao <[than@pitt.edu](mailto:than@pitt.edu)> wrote:

Dear Tim and Chris,

One more thought: I'd like to nominate Sekhar Chivukula as the theory convener for the energy frontier.

Sekhar is an accomplished theorist, with great experiences in community and administration leadership.

If not selected for the energy frontier, I would like to consider him for a group convener for the BSM physics working group.

Thank you!

Tao

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**From:** Nadja Strobbe nstrobbe@umn.edu  
**Subject:** Snowmass Convener Nomination  
**Date:** November 11, 2019 at 1:28 AM  
**To:** chill@physics.osu.edu, tmptait@gmail.com

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NS

Dear Energy Frontier contacts,

I would like to nominate myself for co-convener of the subtopic: "BSM: SUSY and MET".

I am an assistant professor at the University of Minnesota and have been a member of the CMS collaboration since 2010.

Since I first joined CMS, I have been working on a variety of SUSY searches. As an example, I have lead the early Run 2 top squark search in the hadronic final state, using top quark tagging and large MET, and was the editor of the publication as well.

More recently, I have initiated a search for top squarks in final states without large MET, e.g. from RPV or Stealth SUSY, in order to further close gaps in our search coverage.

I am very excited about joining the Snowmass process, to help decide where our field will be headed in the future. I have leadership experience both in physics analysis, and in detector upgrades, leading teams of up to 40 people.

Best regards,  
Nadja Strobbe

**From:** Tim Tait ttait@uci.edu  
**Subject:** Re: Snowmass Convener Nomination  
**Date:** November 11, 2019 at 11:02 AM  
**To:** Nadja Strobbe nstrobbe@umn.edu  
**Cc:** Chris Hill chill@physics.osu.edu

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Hi Nadja,

Thanks very much for this nomination. We will pass it on to the DPF executive committee for the next stage of the selection process.

Best wishes  
Tim

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**From:** Ken Bloom kenbloom@unl.edu  
**Subject:** Snowmass Convener Nomination: Meenakshi Narain  
**Date:** November 11, 2019 at 9:01 AM  
**To:** chill@physics.osu.edu, Tim Tait tmptait@gmail.com

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KB

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I write in support of Meenakshi Narain, who has expressed interest in the leadership of the Energy Frontier. Meenakshi is tireless! She has experience with riding herd on large groups of physicists and will surely be capable of organizing this piece of the Snowmass study. Meenakshi led a group within Energy Frontier for the 2013 Snowmass, so she knows her way around. She has worked across many areas of collider physics and has plenty of knowledge that she would bring to the job.

One question one could (or should) ask is about her other commitments...she is US CMS Collaboration Board chair (doing a good job of that too) and I think she wants to run for another term. Apparently she thinks she can hold down both of these at once, but it would be worth asking her directly about. Still, she's a good candidate for this position. Thanks, best wishes.

Ken

**From:** Tim Tait ttait@uci.edu  
**Subject:** Re: Snowmass Convener Nomination: Meenakshi Narain  
**Date:** November 11, 2019 at 11:03 AM  
**To:** Ken Bloom kenbloom@unl.edu  
**Cc:** Chris Hill chill@physics.osu.edu

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Hi Ken,

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**Subject:** Snowmass convener nomination  
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**To:** chill@physics.osu.edu, tmptait@gmail.com  
**Cc:** Proudfoot, James proudfoot@anl.gov



Dear Christopher and Tim,

I have another nomination for you – this time a junior staff physicist who is an experimentalist with ATLAS, The individual I would like to nominate is Walter Hopkins (whopkins@anl.gov) who joined the ATLAS group as an Assistant Physicist in September 2018. I think he would be a great subgroup convener for BSM: SUSY and MET. Below I give some background on Walter (some of this is based on knowledge I have as his – now former – group leader).

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Thanks

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Subject: Snowmass Convener Nomination  
Date: November 11, 2019 at 10:46 AM  
To: chill@physics.osu.edu, tmptait@gmail.com  
Cc: Manfred Paulini paulini@cmu.edu

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MP

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I would like to nominate John Alison <johnalison@cmu.edu> as convener for the Snowmass Energy Frontier. He would certainly be a great convener if paired with a senior colleague. However, and most importantly, I want to have his name be included for the list of topical group leaders. In particular, he is an expert in di-Higgs production, a topic that will be a landmark search and hopefully measurement for the HL-LHC but is completely missing from the list of Snowmass topics.

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Chris, I also would like to nominate you as well as Meenakshi Narain as Energy Frontier conveners. Both of you have the right seniority and esteem to represent our field. Please add another nomination to the number of nominations for the both of you.

Best, Manfred.



**From:** Tim Tait ttait@uci.edu  
**Subject:** Re: Snowmass Convener Nomination  
**Date:** November 11, 2019 at 11:04 AM  
**To:** Manfred Paulini paulini@cmu.edu  
**Cc:** Chris Hill chill@physics.osu.edu

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**From:** Christopher G. Tully cgtully@Princeton.EDU  
**Subject:** Nomination of Isobel Ojalvo for Higgs convener  
**Date:** November 11, 2019 at 10:51 AM  
**To:** chill@physics.osu.edu, tmptait@gmail.com

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CT

Dear Chris and Tim,

I strongly recommend Prof. Isobel Ojalvo (Princeton University) for a position in the Higgs convener.

She is known for her redesign of the Higgs tau triggers that led to a factor of 2 higher efficiency in Run 2 – and she was lead on the analysis that achieved 5 sigma sensitivity for taus.

I think it's important to include upcoming younger leaders in the process at a high level.

She has the backing of many groups on both hardware trigger upgrades and in the future leadership for Higgs physics. She is dynamic and on top of everything she does.

She will be at the top of her game at the time when these decisions go into full effect.

I would much prefer and a few new, rising star in the cohort of organizers than to load it completely with very senior people – as was done when I ran the Higgs group for Snowmass 2013.

Best Regards,

Chris

**From:** Tim Tait ttait@uci.edu  
**Subject:** Re: Nomination of Isobel Ojalvo for Higgs convener  
**Date:** November 11, 2019 at 11:04 AM  
**To:** Christopher G. Tully cgtully@Princeton.EDU  
**Cc:** Chris Hill chill@physics.osu.edu



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**From:** Nausheen Shah [nausheen.shah@wayne.edu](mailto:nausheen.shah@wayne.edu)  
**Subject:** Snowmass Convener Nomination  
**Date:** November 11, 2019 at 11:11 AM  
**To:** [chill@physics.osu.edu](mailto:chill@physics.osu.edu), [tmptait@gmail.com](mailto:tmptait@gmail.com)

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Dear Chris and Time,

This email its to nominate Tim Tait as a convener for the Energy Frontier.

Best,

Nausheen

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Nausheen Shah

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Pronouns: she/her. Some people identify with or use pronouns that may not be obvious based on their appearance. By stating mine clearly I hope to encourage others to share theirs. Please help make our culture more inclusive, safe, and comfortable for everyone.

**From:** Tim Tait ttait@uci.edu  
**Subject:** Re: Snowmass Convener Nomination  
**Date:** November 11, 2019 at 11:12 AM  
**To:** Nausheen Shah nausheen.shah@wayne.edu  
**Cc:** Chris Hill chill@physics.osu.edu

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Hi Nausheen,

Thanks very much for this nomination. I appreciate your confidence! We will pass it on to the DPF executive committee for the next stage of the selection process.

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Tim

On Nov 11, 2019, at 11:11 AM, Nausheen Shah <[nausheen.shah@wayne.edu](mailto:nausheen.shah@wayne.edu)> wrote:

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Pronouns: she/her. Some people identify with or use pronouns that may not be obvious based on their appearance. By stating mine clearly I hope to encourage others to share theirs. Please help make our culture more inclusive, safe, and comfortable for everyone.

From: Chekanov, Sergei chekanov@anl.gov  
Subject: Fwd: Nomination of conveners for Snowmass Community Planning Process  
Date: November 11, 2019 at 10:13 AM  
To: chill@physics.osu.edu  
Cc: tmptait@gmail.com

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SC

Dear Energy Frontier coordinators,

I'm looking at the Energy frontier agenda, and I've noticed that, during this Snowmass, we do not have a "Monte Carlo" simulation group:

<https://snowmass-wiki.fnal.gov/wiki/Energy>

During the 2013 Snowmass, we had a "Energy Frontier Simulations" group which helped creating Monte Carlo events samples for all Energy Frontier subgroups (+ developng Delphes detector geometries).

See our report <https://arxiv.org/abs/1309.1057>

I was one of such conveners (+Sanjay Padhi). Do you have any plans to have such a group this time?

best wishes, Sergei

Sergei Chekanov	
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Subject: Nomination of conveners for Snowmass

Community Planning Process

Date: Mon, 11 Nov 2019 15:53:51 +0000

From: Users Office <usersoffice@fnal.gov>

To: all-users <all-users@fnal.gov>, all-users-employees  
<all-users-employees@fnal.gov>

Dear All,

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**From:** Tim Tait ttait@uci.edu  
**Subject:** Re: Nomination of conveners for Snowmass Community Planning Process  
**Date:** November 11, 2019 at 11:14 AM  
**To:** Chekanov, Sergei chekanov@anl.gov  
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To: all-users <all-users@fnal.gov>, all-users-  
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**Subject:** Re: Nomination of conveners for Snowmass Community Planning Process  
**Date:** November 11, 2019 at 11:28 AM  
**To:** Tim Tait ttait@uci.edu  
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SC

Hi, Tim

Thanks a lot for the answer. Just to let you know that we created this simulation tool:

<https://atlaswww.hep.anl.gov/hepsim/>

for the Energy Frontier at Snowmass 2013. It can still be useful for this Snowmass.

best, Sergei

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**Subject:** Snowmass Convener Nomination  
**Date:** November 11, 2019 at 11:50 AM  
**To:** chill@physics.osu.edu, tmptait@gmail.com

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**Subject:** Re: Snowmass Convener Nomination  
**Date:** November 11, 2019 at 11:56 AM  
**To:** Gutierrez, Phillip pgutierrez@ou.edu  
**Cc:** Chris Hill chill@physics.osu.edu



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**To:** chill@physics.osu.edu, tmptait@gmail.com  
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**From:** Fred Olness olness@smu.edu  
**Subject:** Snowmass Convener Nomination  
**Date:** November 11, 2019 at 12:08 PM  
**To:** chill@physics.osu.edu, tmptait@gmail.com

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**From:** LianTao Wang liantaow@uchicago.edu  
**Subject:** Nomination for snowmass subgroup convener  
**Date:** November 11, 2019 at 9:30 PM  
**To:** Hill, Christopher chill@physics.osu.edu, Tim Tait tmptait@gmail.com

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**From:** Tim Tait ttait@uci.edu  
**Subject:** Re: Nomination for snowmass subgroup convener  
**Date:** November 12, 2019 at 7:35 AM  
**To:** Liantao Wang liantaow@uchicago.edu  
**Cc:** Chris Hill chill@physics.osu.edu

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Hi Liantao

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**To:** chill@physics.osu.edu, tmptait@gmail.com

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**To:** Michael Tuts tuts@pmtuts.net  
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**Date:** November 12, 2019 at 5:56 AM  
**To:** [chill@physics.osu.ed](mailto:chill@physics.osu.ed), [tmptait@gmail.com](mailto:tmptait@gmail.com)  
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Cheers,

Carl and Marie-Helene (as current and previous ATLAS exotics group conveners)

**From:** Tim Tait ttait@uci.edu  
**Subject:** Re: Snowmass Convener Nomination  
**Date:** November 12, 2019 at 7:37 AM  
**To:** Marie-Hélène Genest genest@lpsc.in2p3.fr  
**Cc:** Chris Hill chill@physics.osu.edu, gwilliam gwilliam@mail.cern.ch

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also personally involved in reinterpreting a prompt search coverage in a displaced model (JHEP 10 (2018) 031). Finally, he is also involved in ATLAS DM searches, a postdoc of his group being the analysis contact of the full Run-2 monojet analysis.

Cheers,

Carl and Marie-Helene (as current and previous ATLAS exotics group conveners)

**From:** Harrison B. Prosper [harry@hep.fsu.edu](mailto:harry@hep.fsu.edu)  
**Subject:** Nomination of Meenakshi Narain for Energy Frontier convener of the Snowmass Community Planning  
**Date:** November 12, 2019 at 6:34 AM  
**To:** [chill@physics.osu.edu](mailto:chill@physics.osu.edu), [tmptait@gmail.com](mailto:tmptait@gmail.com)  
**Cc:** [cushman@umn.edu](mailto:cushman@umn.edu), [ykkim@hep.uchicago.edu](mailto:ykkim@hep.uchicago.edu), [than@pitt.edu](mailto:than@pitt.edu), Harrison Prosper [harry@hep.fsu.edu](mailto:harry@hep.fsu.edu)

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HP

Dear Chris and Tim,

I am nominating Meenakshi Narain to be convener of the Energy Frontier group within the Snowmass Community Planning process for two related reasons. Firstly, she is a first-rate physicist with a well-formed vision of the future of the field. And, secondly, because she has amply demonstrated the requisite leadership skills for such a position. I have known Meenakshi since the early days of the D0 Collaboration, when I served as one of her mentors. She has succeeded in every leadership role she has assumed, always bringing projects to a successful conclusion, and in the process acquired a broad range of experiences as even a cursory reading of her CV will attest. Below, I highlight examples of her recent leadership roles within the field.

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**From:** Tim Tait ttait@uci.edu  
**Subject:** Re: Nomination of Meenakshi Narain for Energy Frontier convener of the Snowmass Community Planning  
**Date:** November 12, 2019 at 7:39 AM  
**To:** harry@hep.fsu.edu  
**Cc:** Chris Hill chill@physics.osu.edu

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**Subject:** Snowmass QCD Sub-group Convener Nomination  
**Date:** November 12, 2019 at 7:53 AM  
**To:** tmptait@gmail.com, Christopher Hill chill@physics.osu.edu

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BL

Dear Chris and Tim,

I would like to nominate Matt LeBlanc (U Arizona) as the sub-group convener of the QCD sub-group of Snowmass process.

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Thanks for your consideration.

Cheers.

Bingxuan Liu

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**From:** Tim Tait ttait@uci.edu  
**Subject:** Re: Snowmass QCD Sub-group Convener Nomination  
**Date:** November 12, 2019 at 8:01 AM  
**To:** Bingxuan Liu bingivy@gmail.com  
**Cc:** Chris Hill chill@physics.osu.edu



Hi Bingxuan,

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**From:** Bogdan A Dobrescu bdob@fnal.gov  
**Subject:** Snowmass Convener Nomination - Energy Frontier  
**Date:** November 12, 2019 at 9:09 AM  
**To:** Christopher S. Hill chill@physics.osu.edu, tmptait@gmail.com  
**Cc:** cushman@umn.edu, ykkim@hep.uchicago.edu, than@pitt.edu

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BD

Dear Chris and Tim,

I would like to nominate Meenakshi Narain (Brown Univ.) for the convener-ship of the Energy Frontier group of the upcoming DPF Snowmass Community planning process.

Prof. Narain is a member of the CMS collaboration and leads the US CMS collaboration as its Collaboration Board Chair. She serves as the regional representative from the US in the CMS Management Board.

She is actively engaged with the US LHC Users Association (USLUA) in promoting the US HEP program at the congressional level and encouraging the USCMS and USLUA members to engage in the next Snowmass planning process. Recently, Prof. Narain co-led the CMS HL-LHC physics and performance studies, and contributed to the "Future Colliders" section of the APS/DPF whitepaper submitted to the European Strategy group in 2018.

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I believe that Meenakshi Narain would be a very effective convener of the "Energy Frontier" group.

Best regards,  
Bogdan Dobrescu

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Deputy Head of the Theoretical Physics Department  
Fermilab  
<https://home.fnal.gov/~bdob>

**From:** Mel Shochet shochet@hep.uchicago.edu  
**Subject:** Snowmass nomination  
**Date:** November 12, 2019 at 12:28 PM  
**To:** chill@physics.osu.edu, tmptait@gmail.com

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MS

Dear Chris and Tim,

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From: Tim Tait tmptait@gmail.com  
Subject: Re: Snowmass nomination  
Date: November 12, 2019 at 2:52 PM  
To: Mel Shochet shochet@hep.uchicago.edu  
Cc: Chris Hill chill@physics.osu.edu



Dear Mel,

Thanks for the nomination. We will forward this to the DPF executive committee for the next round of the selection process.

Best wishes  
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**From:** David Curtin david.r.curtin@gmail.com  
**Subject:** snowmass convener nomination  
**Date:** November 12, 2019 at 1:46 PM  
**To:** Christopher Hill chill@physics.osu.edu, Tim Tait tmptait@gmail.com

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DC

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**Subject:** Re: snowmass convener nomination  
**Date:** November 12, 2019 at 2:53 PM  
**To:** David Curtin [david.r.curtin@gmail.com](mailto:david.r.curtin@gmail.com)  
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**From:** Michael Tuts tuts@pmtuts.net  
**Subject:** Snowmass Convener Nomination

**Date:** November 12, 2019 at 2:08 PM

**To:** chill@physics.osu.edu, tmptait@gmail.com, rusack@umn.edu, matthew.szydagis@gmail.com

**Cc:** John Parsons parsons@nevis.columbia.edu, Gustaaf Brooijmans gusbroo@nevis.columbia.edu

MT

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Subject: Re: Snowmass Convener Nomination  
Date: November 12, 2019 at 2:56 PM

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Cc: Michael Tuts [tuts@pmtuts.net](mailto:tuts@pmtuts.net), Chris Hill [chill@physics.osu.edu](mailto:chill@physics.osu.edu), rusack@umn.edu, John Parsons [parsons@nevis.columbia.edu](mailto:parsons@nevis.columbia.edu),  
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Dear Mike, Gustaaf, and John,

Thank you for the nomination. We have recorded it for the Energy Frontier as well, and will see that it is passed along to the next stage of the selection process.

Best wishes

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<[matthew.szydagis@gmail.com](mailto:matthew.szydagis@gmail.com)> wrote:

Dear Mike,

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Best  
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**Subject:** Snowmass Convener Nomination  
**Date:** November 12, 2019 at 3:48 PM  
**To:** chill@physics.osu.edu, tmptait@gmail.com

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RC

Dear Chris and Tim,

My understanding is that Meenakshi Narain would be happy to serve as the co-convener of the Energy Frontier topic. I am happy to endorse her nomination. I think that she is well-known to much of the HEP field, in particular at the Energy Frontier, so I can be brief. I have known her for at least 15 years, including co-editing the first CMS paper on the search for Z-prime to dimuons. More to the point in this context, she has had various leadership positions requiring a broad knowledge of collider physics and the ability to organize diverse groups of physicists. One I witnessed closely was an enormous effort to produce successfully for CMS the physics case for the HL-LHC. Meanwhile she has been elected as US CMS Collaboration Chair, one of those positions that is essentially what the occupant makes of it. Meenakshi has re-energized the position with numerous useful initiatives that however avoid any destructive interference with the line management of US CMS and its upgrades. I presume that others will detail her various other contributions (input to European Strategy, etc), so I stop here.

Best regards,  
Bob

**From:** Alexey Petrov [apetrov@wayne.edu](mailto:apetrov@wayne.edu)  
**Subject:** nomination of Nausheen Shah as a Topical Convener  
**Date:** November 13, 2019 at 9:15 AM  
**To:** [chill@physics.osu.edu](mailto:chill@physics.osu.edu), [tmptait@gmail.com](mailto:tmptait@gmail.com)

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Best regards,

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**From:** Tim Tait tmptait@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Re: nomination of Nausheen Shah as a Topical Convener  
**Date:** November 13, 2019 at 10:30 AM  
**To:** Alexey Petrov apetrov@wayne.edu  
**Cc:** Chris Hill chill@physics.osu.edu



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**Date:** November 13, 2019 at 1:45 PM

**To:** chill@physics.osu.edu, tmptait@gmail.com, cushman@umn.edu, Young-Kee Kim ykkim@hep.uchicago.edu, than@pitt.edu

KL

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On 11/13/19 4:43 PM, Kenneth Lane wrote:

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2) The Energy Frontier Group at Snowmass will have a very important task, an existential one really. Unlike 1982-84, it is not totally clear what the most compelling opportunities will be at very high energies in the coming decades. It is therefore essential that our field formulates -- or at the very least, puts in place a mechanism to formulate on a rather short time-scale -- a program that can capture the enthusiasm not only of those already active in the field, but of the young people we want to be the leaders of our field in 20 or 30 years from now.

Meenakshi's impressive career, her experience and leadership in collider physics, from Dzero at the Fermilab Tevatron to CMS at the CERN LHC, make her an ideal "captain" to convene the Energy Frontier Group at Snowmass. Having come of age in the last great developmental period in US HEP, Meena understands the importance of these two points. And, I believe, she has the experience and enthusiasm to guide their implementation. She will make an outstanding Energy Frontier Convener.

Best regards to all,

Ken Lane



From: Tim Tait tmptait@gmail.com  
Subject: Re: Snowmass Convener Nomination  
Date: November 13, 2019 at 2:01 PM  
To: Kenneth Lane lane@bu.edu  
Cc: Chris Hill chill@physics.osu.edu



Hi Ken,

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Meenakshi's impressive career, her experience and leadership in collider physics, from Dzero at the Fermilab Tevatron to CMS at the CERN LHC, make her an ideal "captain" to convene the Energy Frontier Group at Snowmass. Having come of age in the last great developmental period in US HEP, Meena understands the importance of these two points. And, I believe, she has the experience and enthusiasm to guide their implementation. She will make an outstanding Energy Frontier Convener.

Best regards to all,

Ken Lane

**From:** Rouven Essig rouven.essig@stonybrook.edu  
**Subject:** Snowmass Convener Nomination  
**Date:** November 13, 2019 at 1:46 PM  
**To:** chill@physics.osu.edu, Tim Tait tmptait@gmail.com

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Date: November 13, 2019 at 3:22 PM  
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RB

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Please let me know if you have any questions, best by e-mail or skype (kokopelliaz - do not ask).

Thank you for your considerations,

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I would like to nominate Matt LeBlanc (University of Arizona, matt.leblanc@cern.ch) as a co-convenor for QCD or any subgroup therein (PDF or precision X-section measurements seem to be most fitting) in the upcoming long range planning exercise. Matt is in his third year as a postdoc (his first), so I see him as

a very fitting junior partner. He is heavily involved in jet physics in ATLAS, with significant contributions to the precision jet cross section measurements, the measurements of jet substructure and mass and the corresponding determination of jet characteristics and, most recently, the tuning of soft versus hard emissions in jets using novel approaches and tools like the Lund Plane.

Matt is currently the co-convener of the jet definitions and calibration group in ATLAS. He has contributed to several BOOST workshops and the recent Les Houches TeV Physics workshop. His organizational skills and outstanding physics talents fit a junior convener role in the "Snowmass Process" very well.

Please let me know if you have any questions, best by e-mail or skype (kokopelliaz – do not ask).

Thank you for your considerations,

ciao, Peter

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Dr Peter Loch  
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**Subject:** Snowmass Convener Nomination  
**Date:** November 14, 2019 at 1:16 AM  
**To:** chill@physics.osu.edu, Tim Tait tmptait@gmail.com

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WF

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Best regards,  
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Dear Wade,

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Best wishes  
Tim

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**From:** Borras, Kerstin kerstin.borras@desy.de  
**Subject:** Snowmass Convener Nomination - "Energy Frontier"  
**Date:** November 14, 2019 at 6:50 AM  
**To:** Hill, Christopher chill@physics.osu.edu, Tim Tait tmptait@gmail.com  
**Cc:** Priscilla Cushman cushman@umn.edu, Young-Kee Kim ykkim@hep.uchicago.edu

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KB

Dear Colleagues,

please receive my nomination of Meenakshi Narain to become one of the Conveners for the Snowmass Working Group "Energy Frontier".

In my opinion she is one of the most suitable colleague fulfilling this important responsibility.

I know Meenakshi Narain from my time in the CMS Management in my roles as the Deputy Spokesperson and the Head of the Engagement Office. During that time she co-convened the CMS HL-LHC physics and performance studies for the CMS Detector Technical Design Reports. She guided and motivated the group to accomplish a record number of sensitivity projections ( $\sim 40$ ). They are part of the CERN "Yellow Report" for HL-LHC physics, which was submitted to the European Strategy Group.

For the preparation of lectures on Physics at Future Colliders, which I had to give at RWTH Aachen University, I tremendously profited from the results she produced in the context of the Snowmass 2013 process for New Physics at Colliders with 14, 33, and 100 TeV as well as from her numerous presentations on the physics prospects, for example at the ECFA HL-LHC Workshops.

In recognition of her comprehensive expertise she is also member of HEPAP (2018–2021).

This is only a small snapshot on her deep competence concerning the questions to be addressed in the working group of the "Energy Frontier".

In addition to meeting these important scientific criteria, Meenakshi Narain is well recognized in the community. For example she represents the U.S.

community in CMS in the role as the U-S. Collaboration Board Chair. She was founding chair of the Diversity Office in CMS and since several years she is chairing the CMS Women Forum – For All together with me.

Meenakshi Narain is perfect in motivating people and get especially young scientists involved. This she did for the Snowmass 2013 Process as well as in her role of the co-leader of the LHC Physics Center (LPC) for CMS at Fermilab. As member of the LPC Management Board I was absolutely astonished and satisfied with her accomplishments in getting young people introduced and enthusiastic about our field.

Taking these roles it is obvious that Meenakshi Narain is working in a very strategic and well organized way.

All of these characteristics of Meenakshi Narain are crucial ingredients to become the successful convener of the "Energy Frontier" working group. Therefore I enthusiastically nominate Meenakshi Narain for this responsibility which is of extremely high importance for our scientific research field.

Please let me know, where I can be of further help.

With my very best wishes,

Kerstin

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**From:** Brajesh C Choudhary brajesh@fnal.gov  
**Subject:** Nomination for Convener of the "Energy Frontier" group of the upcoming DPF Snowmass Community Planning  
**Date:** November 14, 2019 at 6:59 AM  
**To:** Christopher S. Hill chill@physics.osu.edu, tmptait@gmail.com

Dear Chris and Tim,

I would like to nominate Prof. Meenakshi Narain of Brown University and CMS collaboration for the position of the convener of the Energy Frontier group of the upcoming DPF Snowmass Community planning.

I have known Meenakshi since she was a student at SUNY, Stonybrook and has been a collaborator since 1992 on the D0 and then on the CMS experiments. I have seen her working from a close quarter for more than 25 years. Meenakshi is an excellent physicist, an excellent leader and has the ability to take the community together towards the future of HEP.

Meenakshi played seminal role in the discovery of the top quark as a postdoctoral fellow, led top subgroup, later became a recognized leader in the measurement of top quark properties and established herself as a leader. As you are aware this discovery and measurement by the CDF and D0 collaboration has been awarded with the EPS HEP prize in 2019.

Fast forwarding to the present, Meenakshi leads the US CMS collaboration as its Collaboration Board Chair. She also serves as the regional representative from U.S. in the Management Board of the CMS Experiment where I meet her often. She is actively engaged with the US LHC Users Association (USLUA) in promoting the US HEP program at the congressional level and encouraging the USCMS and USLUA members to engage in the next Snowmass planning process. In the recent past she co-led the CMS HL-LHC physics and performance studies which are a core part of the CMS HL-LHC Detector Technical Design Reports. Under her leadership, the group performed a record number of sensitivity projections ( $\sim 40$ ), which became part of the CERN “Yellow Report” for HL-LHC physics and submitted to the European Strategy group.

Recently, she contributed to the "Future Colliders" section of the APS/DPF whitepaper submitted to the European Strategy group in 2018.

Meenakshi was co-convenor of the "New Particles" subgroup of the "Path Beyond the Standard Model" group in the High Energy Frontier for Snowmass 2013 and also co-led the LPC based "SM backgrounds" group, which was crucial to the Snowmass process as highlighted during the plenary at Minneapolis. For the first time, large numbers of pileup interactions (up to 140) were simulated for 14, 33, and 100 TeV pp collisions.

Meenakshia was also founding co-chair of the CMS Diversity Office (2018), and currently a member of this office (2019-2020). She is also the founding co-chair of the USCMS Diversity and Inclusion Committee.

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Meenakshi has been closely associated with the LPC center at Fermilab and co-led the LPC center for four years from 2013 to 2016. The LPC, which is there for more than a decade is fulfilling its mission well. I have been contacted by the DOE in past to get my opinion on how LPC helps non-US CMS physicists and students. Within CMS it is accepted as ``one of the two main centers for CMS". It continues to catalyze contributions of USCMS collaborators to the experiment, allowing physicists stationed in the US to play lead roles in physics publications, detector operations and the upgrade programs. It also enables a lot of non-US physicists and students to get involved in CMS due to the financial and intellectual support it provides. It is an effective venue for those unable to be at CERN due to various constraints (economic, family, learning-style). The evolution of the LPC to its current form can be attributed to Meenakshi's spirited leadership which successfully created new programs and initiatives which have now become the core of what the LPC offers to its participants and visitors.

With such stellar contribution to the field of hadron collider physics, I think she is an excellent candidate to lead the effort.

I hope my views would be considered when the decisions are made.

Thank you,  
Sincerely Yours  
Brajesh Choudhary  
Spokesperson, India-CMS Collaboration (8/2017 - 8/2021)

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**From:** Ketevi Adikle Assamagan Ketevi.Adikle.Assamagan@cern.ch  
**Subject:** To nominate convener - Snowmass energy frontiers  
**Date:** November 14, 2019 at 7:21 AM  
**To:** chill@physics.osu.edu, Tim Tait tmptait@gmail.com

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Hello Chris and Tim:

I would like to nominate myself, Ketevi A. Assamagan (BNL), to convene or sub-convene in these topics of Energy Frontiers:

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We are planning for di2020 for August 2020.

Best regards, Kétévi.

**From:** Ketevi Adikle Assamagan <Ketevi.Adikle.Assamagan@cern.ch>  
**Subject:** Re: To nominate convener - Snowmass energy frontiers  
**Date:** November 15, 2019 at 6:19 AM  
**To:** Hill, Christopher <chill@physics.osu.edu>  
**Cc:** ttait@uci.edu

KA

Hi Chris:  
Thanks much. Regards, Kétévi.

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**From:** "Hill, Christopher" <chill@physics.osu.edu>  
**Date:** Thursday, November 14, 2019 at 11:56 AM  
**To:** Ketevi Adikle Assamagan <Ketevi.Adikle.Assamagan@cern.ch>  
**Cc:** "ttait@uci.edu" <ttait@uci.edu>  
**Subject:** Re: To nominate convener - Snowmass energy frontiers

Hi Ketevi,

Thanks very much! We will be sure to pass this along to the DPF executive committee for the next step in the selection process. Best.

**Christopher S Hill**

Professor

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**Date:** Thursday, November 14, 2019 at 10:21 AM  
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**From:** John Hobbs john.hobbs@stonybrook.edu  
**Subject:** Snowmass topical convener nomination  
**Date:** November 14, 2019 at 7:54 AM  
**To:** chill@physics.osu.edu, tmptait@gmail.com

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Hi Chris and Tim,

I am writing to nominate my colleague, Dmitri Tsybychev ([dmitri.tsybychev@stonybrook.edu](mailto:dmitri.tsybychev@stonybrook.edu)), to be a topical convener in either the Higgs or EW area of the Energy Frontier. Dmitri's has a long standing interest in Vector Boson Scattering studies which have been a component of his ATLAS research essentially since the start of data taking. His interests are broader than this, as his students and post docs have also worked on the Higgs boson search and more recently the measurement of Higgs boson properties, however, in the context of Snowmass, he is particularly interested in VBS. I wasn't sure whether this ultimately would fall into the Higgs or EW topics, thus the dual nomination.

Regards, John Hobbs  
Department of Physics & Astronomy  
Stony Brook Univ.

From: **Andy White** [awhite@uta.edu](mailto:awhite@uta.edu)  
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Date: November 14, 2019 at 9:19 AM  
To: [chill@physics.osu.edu](mailto:chill@physics.osu.edu), [tmptait@gmail.com](mailto:tmptait@gmail.com)  
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**Date:** November 14, 2019 at 9:31 AM  
**To:** Andy White [awhite@uta.edu](mailto:awhite@uta.edu)  
**Cc:** Chris Hill [chill@physics.osu.edu](mailto:chill@physics.osu.edu)



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**From:** Joel N Butler butler@fnal.gov  
**Subject:** Snowmass Convener Nomination  
**Date:** November 14, 2019 at 12:32 PM  
**To:** Christopher S. Hill chill@physics.osu.edu, tmptait@gmail.com  
**Cc:** Joel N Butler butler@fnal.gov

JB


Dear people,

I would like to nominate Professor Meenakshi Narain as one of the co-conveners of the Energy frontier group for the upcoming DPF Community Planning effort. During the period I was spokesperson, Meenakshi served as the co-convener of the CMS Upgrade Performance Studies Group (UPSG) that was responsible for guiding the physics studies and detector optimizations that contributed to the various Technical Proposals and Technical Design Reports that defined the CMS Upgrade. Under her leadership, this team also produced the CMS contribution to the CERN Yellow Report that was submitted to the European Strategy group. She is herself a major contributor to the analysis of D0 and CMS data in Higgs physics, standard model (SM) and Beyond the SM physics, and heavy quark physics. In her work on the UPSG and her service as head of the LHC Physics Center (LPC) at Fermilab, she demonstrated her ability to lead and motivate physicists of all ages, but especially young people, to work on problems that, although in the future, are nevertheless critical to our field. She has made major contributions to all recent planning exercises, for example to Snowmass 2013. Professor Narain would be an excellent choice for this very important convenership.

Cheers  
Joel Butler

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**From:** Carlos E.M. Wagner elcwagner@gmail.com   
**Subject:** Nomination of Ian Low as the Energy Frontier Convener  
**Date:** November 14, 2019 at 1:43 PM  
**To:** Timothy Maurice Paul Tait ttait@uci.edu

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CW

Dear Tim,

Please attached below my nomination of Ian Low as the Energy Frontier Convener.

Best Regards,

Carlos Wagner



Chicago, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Dear Tim (Prof. Tait),

I would like to nominate Prof. Ian Low as the Energy Frontier Convener for the Snowmass studies. Ian is a renowned expert in the field of particle physics and has expressed strong interest in contributing to the Snowmass process.

Ian has the proper knowledge and organizational skills to be an effective Energy Frontier Convener and we believe the High Energy Physics Community would highly profit if he fulfilled this relevant leadership role.

Best Regards,

Carlos E.M. Wagner  
Head, Argonne HEP Theory Group  
Professor, University of Chicago.





**From:** Timothy Maurice Paul Tait ttait@uci.edu  
**Subject:** Re: Nomination of Ian Low as the Energy Frontier Convener  
**Date:** November 14, 2019 at 2:30 PM  
**To:** Carlos E. M. Wagner elcwagner@gmail.com  
**Cc:** Chris Hill chill@physics.osu.edu



Dear Carlos,

Thank you for this nomination. We have recorded it, and will pass it on the DPF executive committee for the next stage of the selection process.

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**From:** Gil Paz gilpaz@wayne.edu  
**Subject:** Nomination of a topical group leader  
**Date:** November 14, 2019 at 2:10 PM  
**To:** chill@physics.osu.edu, tmptait@gmail.com

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Dear Chris and Tim,

I would like to nominate Nausheen Shah (nausheen.shah@wayne.edu) as a topical group leader for:

BSM: new bosons, new fermions

or

BSM: SUSY and MET

Sincerely,

Gil Paz

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From: **Tim Tait** tmptait@gmail.com  
Subject: Re: Nomination of a topical group leader  
Date: November 14, 2019 at 2:33 PM  
To: Gil Paz gilpaz@wayne.edu  
Cc: Chris Hill chill@physics.osu.edu



Dear Gil,

Thank you for this nomination. We have recorded it, and will pass it on the DPF executive committee for the next stage of the selection process.

Best wishes  
Tim

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Professor Tim Tait  
Chair, Department of Physics and Astronomy  
University of California, Irvine

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<gilpaz@wayne.edu> wrote:

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(nausheen.shah@wayne.edu) as a topical group leader  
for:

BSM: new bosons, new fermions

or

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Sincerely,

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**Date:** November 14, 2019 at 5:50 PM  
**To:** Tim Tait tmptait@gmail.com  
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GP

Dear Tim,

Thanks for confirming.

Gil

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**From:** **Stephane Yves G Willocq** [stephane.willocq@cern.ch](mailto:stephane.willocq@cern.ch)  
**Subject:** nomination for Snowmass process  
**Date:** November 14, 2019 at 2:11 PM  
**To:** [chill@physics.osu.edu](mailto:chill@physics.osu.edu), [tmptait@gmail.com](mailto:tmptait@gmail.com)

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Dear Chris, Tim,

I'd like to nominate Antonio Boveia as convener of the subgroup that will concentrate on dark matter studies as part of the Snowmass process.

Antonio has been deeply involved in dark matter searches within the ATLAS collaboration for a number of years. He initially led our jets+X subgroup of the Exotics physics group and more recently led the ATLAS contribution to the LHC dark matter working group. I think highly of him and his contributions to ATLAS and the field. He would be an excellent convener for the Snowmass process and bring his typical deep level of focus and expertise to that task.

Regards,     Stephane.

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From: **Tim Tait** tmptait@gmail.com  
Subject: Re: nomination for Snowmass process  
Date: November 14, 2019 at 2:34 PM  
To: Stephane Yves G Willocq stephane.willocq@cern.ch  
Cc: Chris Hill chill@physics.osu.edu



Dear Stephane,

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**From:** Fan, JiJi jijj\_fan@brown.edu  
**Subject:** Snowmass Convener Nomination: Meenakshi Narain  
**Date:** November 14, 2019 at 3:18 PM  
**To:** chill@physics.osu.edu, Tim Tait tmptait@gmail.com

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JF

Dear Chris and Tim,

This email is to nominate my colleague, Meenakshi Narain, as a convener for the "Energy Frontier" group. She was co-convener of the "New Particles" subgroup of the "Path Beyond the Standard Model" group in the High Energy Frontier for Snowmass 2013. She is Collaboration Board Chair of the US CMS collaboration. She has been actively promoting diversity and inclusion both locally at Brown and globally in the CMS collaboration. Given the leadership she has demonstrated and her passion in getting the collider community engaged in the upcoming Snowmass planning, I believe that she will be a good organizer for the "Energy Frontier" group.

Best regards,

JiJi Fan

**From:** Carlos E.M. Wagner elcwagner@gmail.com   
**Subject:** Nomination of Radja Boughezal as the QCD working group leader  
**Date:** November 14, 2019 at 3:26 PM  
**To:** Timothy Maurice Paul Tait ttait@uci.edu

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CW

Dear Tim,

Please find my nomination of Radja Boughezal as the Energy Frontier QCD working group leader.

Best wishes, Carlos Wagner



Chicago, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Dear Tim (Prof. Tait),

I would like to nominate Dr. Radja Boughezal as the leader of the Energy Frontier QCD (precision cross sections) working group. Radja is a well known expert in the field of QCD, works on the computation of higher order QCD cross sections for hadron colliders and has expressed strong interest in contributing to the Snowmass process.

I believe that Radja has the proper knowledge and organizational skills to be an effective working group leader and the Snowmass studies will greatly benefit from having her as the leader of the Energy Frontier QCD working group.

Best Regards,

Carlos E.M. Wagner  
Head, Argonne HEP Theory Group  
Professor, University of Chicago



**From:** Timothy Maurice Paul Tait ttait@uci.edu  
**Subject:** Re: Nomination of Radja Boughezal as the QCD working group leader  
**Date:** November 14, 2019 at 9:12 PM  
**To:** Carlos E. M. Wagner elcwagner@gmail.com  
**Cc:** Chris Hill chill@physics.osu.edu

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Hi Carlos,

Thank you for this nomination. We will be sure to pass it on to the DPF executive committee, for the next step in the selection process.

Best wishes

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**From:** Heintz, Ulrich [ulrich\\_heintz@brown.edu](mailto:ulrich_heintz@brown.edu)  
**Subject:** Snowmass Convener Nomination  
**Date:** November 14, 2019 at 3:30 PM  
**To:** Christopher Hill [chill@physics.osu.edu](mailto:chill@physics.osu.edu), Tim Tait [tmptait@gmail.com](mailto:tmptait@gmail.com)

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Dear Chris, Tim,

I would like to nominate Prof. Meenakshi Narain from Brown University as convener of the “Energy Frontier” group of the upcoming DPF Snowmass Community planning process.

Meenakshi has plenty of relevant experience: She convened the New Particles group during Snowmass 2013, she contributed to the “Future Colliders” section of the APS/DPF whitepaper submitted to the European Strategy group in 2018, and she led the CMS HL-LHC physics and performance studies group, which supplied the physics justifications and performance estimates for the CMS HL-LHC Detector Technical Design Reports. These studies also became part of the CERN “Yellow Report” for HL-LHC physics which was submitted to the European Strategy group.

I think she would provide excellent leadership to the Energy Frontier group.

best regards,

Ulrich Heintz  
Professor of Physics  
Brown University

From: **Morris Swartz** morris@jhu.edu  
Subject: Snowmass Convener Nomination  
Date: November 14, 2019 at 3:53 PM  
To: chill@physics.osu.edu, tmptait@gmail.com

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MS

I would like to nominate Andrei Gritsan to be a Snowmass Convener for the Higgs Physics Properties Group.

Andrei joined CMS in 2007 and was instrumental in CMS' discovery study of the Higgs in 2011/2012. Since then has been a leader in the study of its properties including its quantum numbers, width, and anomalous couplings. He has served as the convener of the  $H \rightarrow ZZ$  group in CMS and has developed tools for the continued study of this state. In Run 2, he has worked on the study of anomalous couplings of the Higgs boson using  $H \rightarrow ZZ$ ,  $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$ , and  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  decays within an EFT framework, and has been an editor

of several Higgs papers in CMS. He has also been a contributor to the LHC Higgs XS WG and Yellow Reports 3 and 4,

and has been a contributor and co-author of the PDG since 2006, and has collaborated with many theory colleagues.

Sincerely,

Morris Swartz

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