

How can the MLZ User Committee help you?



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The difficulties in transport of fuel have had major impact on the operation of the FRM II reactor and the availability of the facilities for neutron scattering and other experiments. Obviously, this has disrupted plans of many users. Apart from the request for information about a revised operation schedule, this problem gives rise frequently to a follow-up question asking what can be done to improve the situation. Apart from recognising and supporting the efforts of the MLZ management, it is important that, as users, we all state clearly the essential need for these facilities to support work that tackles many important societal challenges. Information about this requirement for advanced research facilities must be spread widely, and not just amongst colleagues and specialists. All of us must help with this task to promote wide support. We can help each other with this duty by sharing information about good examples of success from relevant experiments.

The User Committee for MLZ has been working for slightly more than a year. It has met twice with the MLZ directors for face-to-face discussions on issues that have been raised. Regular teleconference meetings occur between these discussions. Frequently, even if problems have arisen there is a comment that staff at MLZ have been very helpful in minimising the impact. It is important to record both plaudits and suggestions for improvements. Information is passed-on without disclosing individual names.

Ideas from the user community have been received in various ways. There are e-mail messages, contact at conferences and workshops as well as discussions with individual users when members of the committee are present in Garching. Please feel free to tell any of us your views and ideas. We also look forward to seeing you at the User Meeting in December.

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