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**To the Heads of Research Units in EU Fusion
Associations and to the Representatives of the
new Member states and associated countries**

Dear Colleagues,

**Subject: Call for proposals to provide staff for the high level support team (HLST)
to the HPC-FF**

The installation of the High Performance Computer dedicated for Fusion Applications (HPC-FF) is coming to an end and the HPC-FF will start operation beginning of July 2009.

As a successful operation of the HPC-FF relies not only on hardware performance, but also on an appropriate support in further developing and optimizing the codes for massively parallel platforms, it had been agreed that a **High Level Support Team (HLST)** has to be established to provide support to scientists from all Associations for the development and optimisation of codes. This team consist of a **Core Team based at IPP Garching** (5ppy) and **support staff in associations** (4 ppy) provided by Associates other than IPP and FZJ.

In my previous letter (*JP/ag-280-HPC-FF-hls*) you had been invited to propose candidates for the Association part of the High Level Support Team (HLST). However, the response to that Call was limited and as a result only 1.5 ppy have been allocated (out of a ceiling of 4 ppy).

Therefore, with this letter I would like to reopen the procedure to call for further candidatures and select candidates to work in the HLST.

The selection of the association staff for the HLST (within the remaining ceiling of 2.5 ppy) will be done on the basis of the Associations answers to the enclosed Call for participation in HLST 2.pdf.

The deadline for applications is **5 September 2009**.

I would be grateful if you could identify in your Association/Laboratory suitable candidates to apply for positions in the HLST and send your proposals to the HPC Board Secretary Roman Zagórski (Roman.Zagorski@efda.org) with copy to the HPC Board Chairperson Sibylle Günter (Sibylle.Guenter@ipp.mpg.de) and to the CSU Secretariat (Anne.Graebner@efda.org) as soon as possible and no later than on **5 September 2009**.

Should you have any question related to this letter, please contact either R. Zagórski or S. Günter directly.

With my best regards,

On behalf of Jérôme Paméla
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- Call_for_participation_in_HLST.pdf
- Response_sheet_for_HLST.doc

cc: Y. Capouet (EC), R. Maschuw (Chairman of the EFDA Steering Committee), F. Gnesotto (Chairman of STAC), F. Romanelli (EFDA-JET), S. Günter (HPC Board Chairperson), R. Zagórski (HPC Board Secretary).