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Prof. Luciano Maiani
HELEN's Coordinator

Dear Luciano,

in the first year of activity HELEN has given an important support to the Auger experiment. We had 7 fellowships for a total of 11 months in the Europe to Latin America mobility, 9 fellowships for a total of 13 months in the Latin America to Latin America mobility and 6 fellowships for a total of 15 months from Latin America to Europe.

The European fellows were essentially for Short Term Training (STT) of PhD students going to Argentina within the framework of already existing collaboration of the European groups with groups of Argentinean institutions, mainly the University of La Plata. All PhD students from Europe have spent a large fraction of their STT time at the Auger Observatory in the province of Mendoza (Argentina), participating in the commissioning of the detectors and in data taking.

The Latin American fellows went to Europe to participate in data analysis, mainly at the University of Santiago de Compostela, but also to the Auger Observatory.

The support given by HELEN to Auger is very much appreciated by all my colleagues in Europe and in Latin America. It gives the possibility to young physicists of Latin America to visit European Universities and become integrated with European groups establishing fruitful collaboration. The support given to young European physicists for participating in the experimental activities at the Auger Observatory is also very important.

We are indeed grateful for this support and we hope that it will continue in the future.

Best regards,

Giorgio Matthiae
Co-spokesperson of the Auger experiment