

- SPMS and InDiCo have been used to organize many events and conferences over the years
 - Each has its strengths
- SPMS strengths
 - Massive repository of accelerator personnel
 - Database schema for conference organization/management
- InDiCo strengths
 - Quality user interfaces
 - Modular and modern implementation
 - Broad adoption (100+ institutions)
 - Broad development support, centralized at CERN

- JACoW and InDiCo teams appreciate each other's respective strengths
 - Have been discussing software convergence for several years
 - Efficiency of centralizing developer support
- LINAC'14: a “proof of principle”
 - Successful bridge between InDiCo registration and SPMS central user repository
- In 2015-6, both teams have developed detailed analysis of SPMS features that are missing from InDiCo
 - 117 page document developed by T. Baron and JACoW
- **Intent: migrate SPMS features to InDiCo in long term**

- Estimate of required effort:
 - 3.25 man-years for high-priority requirements
 - ~4.5 years for all requirements (complete convergence)
- CERN Accel Tech Sector have agreed to move forward
 - Funding for 50% of 3-year project associate at CERN
 - Job position has posted for candidate interviews
- Start ~June/July with first implementations in late 2016
- Start with small conferences as test beds in 2016-17
 - e.g. JACoW Team Meeting (expert support, minimal impact)