

## **1. Preamble**

In 1994 a Memorandum of Understanding was signed by Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Sweden and the United Kingdom initiating the EUROBALL collaboration. This MoU concerned the funding, construction, operation and maintenance of the EUROBALL spectrometer. The EUROBALL spectrometer has operated between 1997 and 2002, first at the Laboratori Nazionali di Legnaro in Italy and later at the Institut de Recherches Subatomiques in Strasbourg, France. The EUROBALL memorandum and hence the EUROBALL collaboration will officially end on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2002.