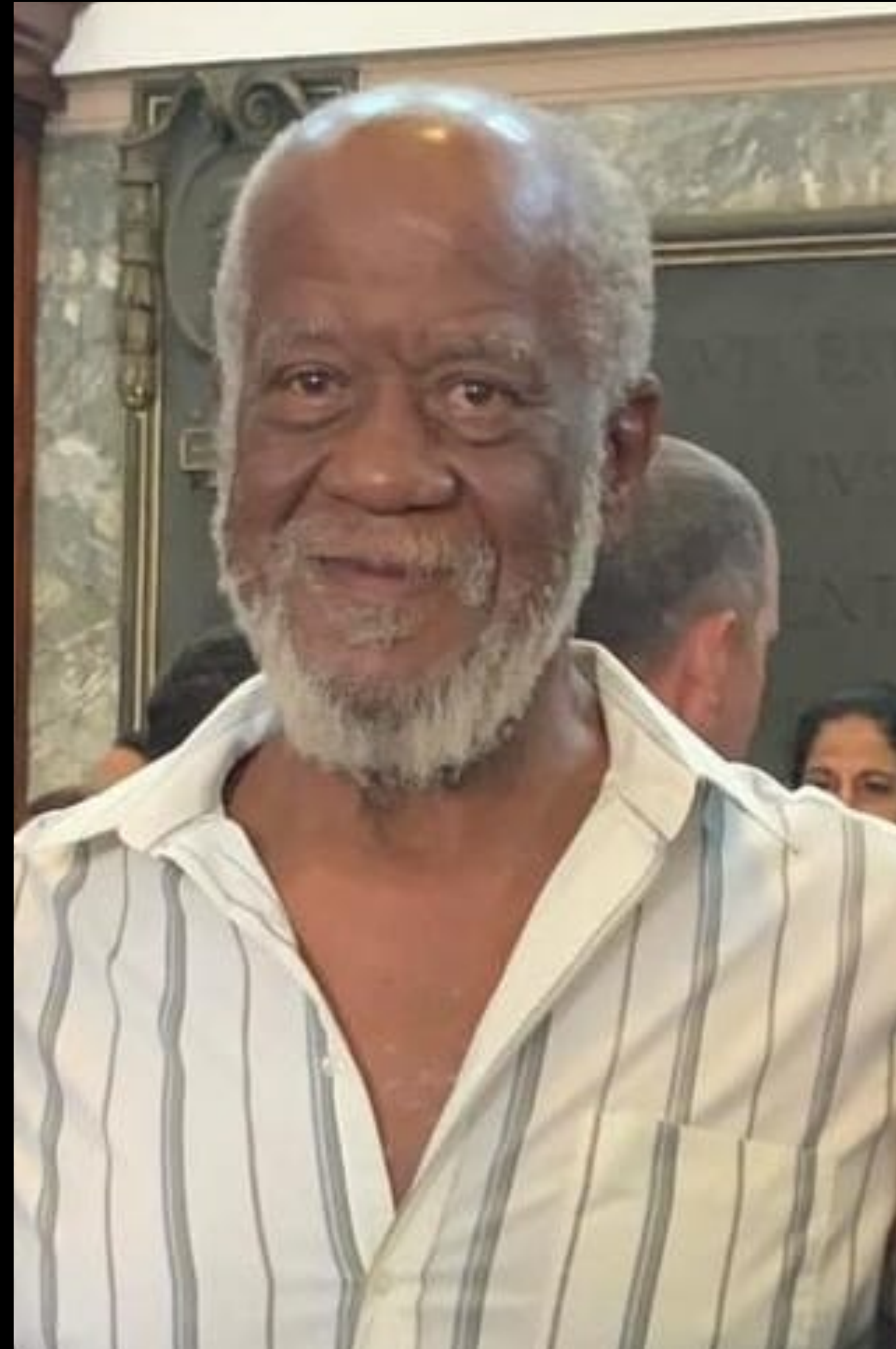


General news

from spokespersons

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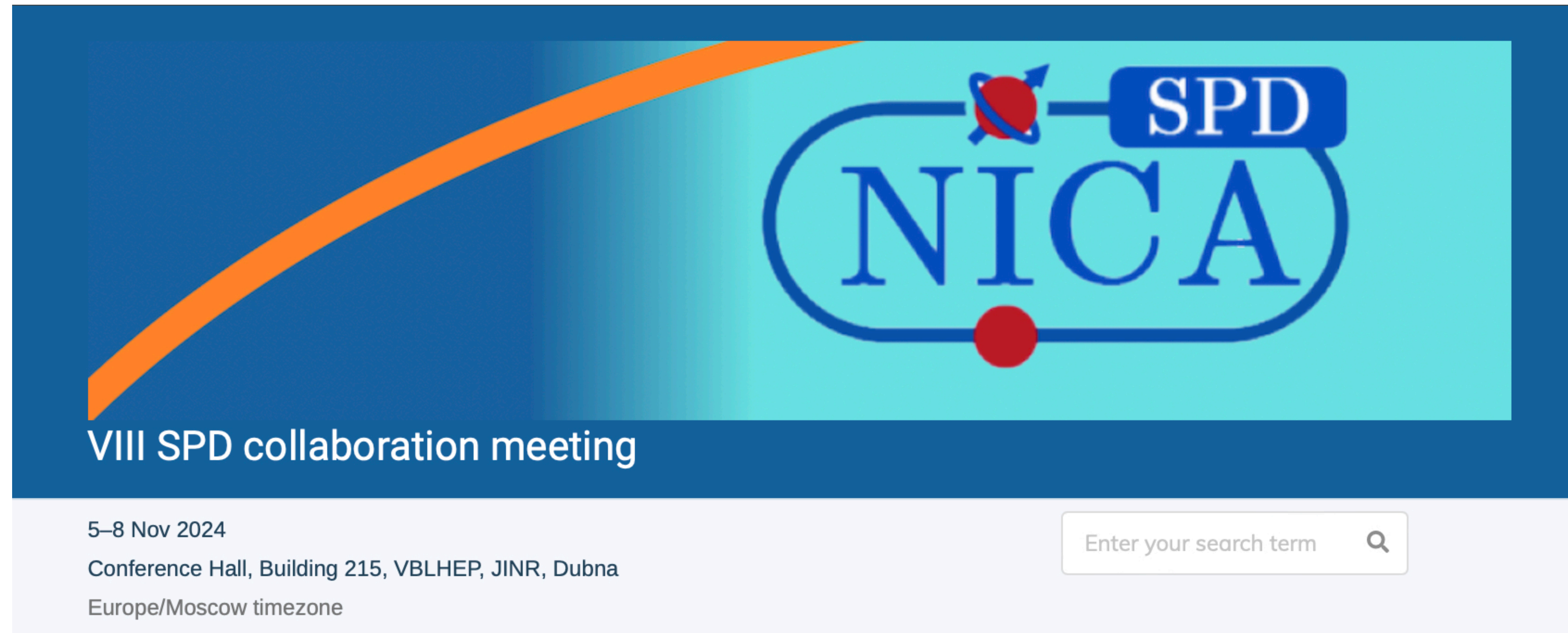
Difficult stage of transition from R&D to the beginning of the setup construction





VIII SPD collaboration meeting in Dubna

<https://indico.jinr.ru/event/4830/>

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Registration is ongoing!

Supporting programme from the RF Ministry of Education and Science

- All Russian groups from **subordinated organisations** participating in works at NICA (excluding KI, MSU, SPbSU, HSE University.) and **signed MoU**
- 200 MRUB (~2.2 M\$) in 2024
- via government assignment
- will be extended to the next few years

Supporting programme form JINR for the groups that were not covered by the ministry programme.

<https://indico.jinr.ru/event/4738/>

Participating institutions:

PNPI, SINP MSU, SPbSU, INP (Kazakhstan), AANL, Havana Univ

All groups were supported (~30 k\$ in total) till the end of the year.

Collaboration news

MoUs

- **HSE University** - signing procedure has started
- **iThemba LABS** - signing procedure has started

New contacts



Working group of the 1-st stage physics

Coordinator E. Soldatov (MEPhI)

TDR publication

Natural Science Review

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Tests in the SPD IP

The beam circulation is expecting next summer.

We hope to have a beam pipe with a tungsten wire to be installed in the SPD interaction point. Some detector prototypes will be placed around for tests.