



Welcome to the LV meeting

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The first joint meeting of the LSC and the Virgo Collaboration

It is a great pleasure for us to embark on the new relationship between the LIGO Scientific Collaboration and Virgo.

We'll grow into our relationship; this first joint meeting is a start.

A major item on the agenda: when to invoke the data-sharing provisions of our agreement?

Today, we'll discuss a proposal to commence data sharing on 18 May 2007.

Further discussion and (hopefully) a vote at tonight's meeting of the LSC Council.

21 – 24 May 2007 (Mon – Thur), in Pisa

23 – 26 July 2007 (Mon – Thur), at MIT

Week of 22 Oct 2007, Hannover

11 – 12 Dec 2007 (Tues, Wed) at MIT, just before
GWDAW

Future meetings:

March (week of 3rd Monday), Louisiana

May (week of 3rd Monday), Europe (hosted by Virgo)

July (week of 4th Monday), MIT

Sept (week of 4th Monday), Europe (hosted by Virgo)

Dec (week of 2nd Monday), LSC host TBD

At the end of this meeting, Dave Reitze will begin his term as LSC Spokesperson.

Thanks to all who stood for election.

Good luck to Dave!

If you haven't already done so ...

- Please join the Topical Group on Gravitation of the American Physical Society.
- Please register for the Amaldi meeting (8 – 14 July, Sydney.)
Associated with GR18
<http://www.amaldi7.com/>

(See the inserts in your registration folder for more information.)

- Send a message in support of LISA.

Agenda of the LSC Council meeting

- 1) Votes on applications for membership
 - » UMass (Cadonati)
 - » Eotvos University (Frei)
 - » Northwestern (Shahriar)
 - » Montana State (Cornish)
- 2) Vote on blind injection challenge
- 3) Discussion of proposal to start data sharing with Virgo on 18 May 2007.
(For part of this time, members of the Virgo Steering Committee will be present.)
- 4) Publication and Presentation issues
- 5) Resolution in support of LISA

Council meeting will be held this evening at 1900, over dinner, in Riverview Ballroom B.