



LSC-Virgo Meeting Closeout Session

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Council Meeting Agenda

- Some Announcements
- New member applications to the LSC
- Modifications to the Publication Policy
- Proposal for modifying how the LSC elects the Spokesperson



Report on the LSC Council Meeting

- The LSC Executive Committee and Council approved (with applause) a new LSC-Virgo meeting schedule format
- 4 collaboration meetings per year
- Two major meetings which cover everything
 - » Data analysis
 - » Instrument science
 - » LSC business
 - » 1 Meeting in the US, 1 meeting in Europe
- Two focused meetings per year
 - » Like data analysis, but could be instrument science
 - » 1 Meeting in the US, 1 meeting in Europe
- Will begin in 2008, details to be worked out by the LSC-Virgo Conference Committee

Report on the LSC Council Meeting

- We welcome our new LSC members
 - » Marco Cavaglia - U. Mississippi
 - » Vuk Mandic - U. Minnesota
 - » Patrick Sutton and Steve Fairhurst, Cardiff
 - » Teviet Creighton, Hansheng Lei, Lappoon Tang. – U. Texas, Brownsville
 - » Michele Zanolin - Embry Riddle
 - » Hai-Ping Cheng - U Florida
- New rules discussed at the Executive Committee to change the way we treat LSC members who join existing groups as senior members
 - » Will be incorporated into the ByLaws

Report on the LSC Council Meeting

- Discussion and adoption of revisions to the Publication Policy
- Three major changes:
 - » New, consistent, equitable way of treating when an LSC member becomes an author and leaves the author list
 - Well defined timetables for authors leave and join
 - » New standards for when a paper has the full collaboration authorlist
 - Petition process for limited on authorship on papers that use real data
 - » New section on how theses are treated
 - Theses which report searches should have results reviewed to the 10% 'preliminary results' criterion
- The P&P Committee deserves our thanks for developing a strong and fair policy

Some Announcements

- If you are not a member, please join the American Physical Society Topical Group on Gravitation
 - » Goal is to become the Division of Gravitation, but we need everyone in the LSC to join
 - Including non-US members
- Annual MOU Reporting
 - » MOU review to be held August 16,17 at MIT
 - » PIs have received instructions
 - Uses new Penn State LSC Directory Services web interface
 - » Please submit them in a timely manner!



Upcoming Meetings

- L-V Meeting, October 22-26, Hannover, Germany
- L-V Meeting, December 11-12, MIT
- GWDAW, December 13-16, MIT
- AAS Meeting, Jan. 8-12, Austin, TX (GW session on 10th)
- Numerical Relativity and Data Analysis, Jan 7-18, 2008 KITP, UCSB (invitation)
- APS Meeting, April 12-15, St. Louis, MO
- GWADW, May 12 - 18, 2008, Elba, Italy
- LISA Meeting, June 16-20, 2008, Barcelona, Sp

- L-V meeting schedule for 2008 is under consideration; dates TBD soon.



Thanks!

- Organizing a 100+ person conference takes a lot of work
- Many people deserve our thanks
 - » Marie Woods for doing everything efficiently, adaptively, and quickly
 - » Fred Donovan and Larry Wallace for network and telecom infrastructure
 - » Linda Turner for DCC archiving and Veronica Kondrashov for web support
 - » Patrick Brady for setting up the L-V meeting wiki
 - » And Gabriela Gonzalez, Marialessandra Papa, and David Shoemaker for putting it all together!



Final thoughts

- I am impressed with the depth and breadth of the activity of the LSC
 - » Observational paper rate has improved and S5 results are coming out
 - GRB070201 is especially noteworthy
 - » S5 is about to end (!) and Enhanced LIGO is about to begin
 - » Funding for Advanced LIGO is almost a sure bet for FY2008
- I am impressed with how smoothly VSR1 is going and the continuing integration of the LSC and Virgo
 - » Congratulations to our Virgo colleagues for keeping things going so smoothly
 - » LSC-Virgo DA groups up and running
- Astrowatch program development moving forward
 - » Run scenarios based on quantitative analysis
 - » Will hear more about this in the coming months

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- The meeting is adjourned

See you
in Hannover!

- Charging Meeting will start after lunch.