

Minutes of the June 1st GPPAW-2017 SOC meeting, Annecy, lunchtime.

Attendance: Bruce Allen, Kipp Cannon, Gianluca Guidi, Nobuyuki Kanda, Frederique Marion, Benoit Mours (chair), Cristiano Palomba, Ed Porter, Tania Regimbau, Peter Shawhan, Chris Van Den Broeck, Alan Weinstein

Invited: Marica Branchesi, Duncan Brown

Minutes by F. Marion and B. Mours

1) Poster prize

The SOC decided to award the poster prize to (listed by alphabetical order):

- Soichiro MORISAKI for "Mass-Radius Relation of Neutron Stars in a Scalar-Tensor Theory"
- Kazuki SAKA I for "Estimation of starting times of quasi-normal modes in ringdown gravitational waves with the Hilbert-Huang transform"
- Sylvia ZHU for "Looking for truffles in trash: The new DMoff veto in Einstein@Home searches for continuous gravitational waves"

The prize is a ten minutes time slot to give a talk on the poster topic during the closing session.

2) Comments on this year GPPAW as input for future GPPAW organization

Frederique Marion commented that the organization was a bit late, especially the scheduling of the talks, with the consequence that at least one participant, and may be more, had to cancel their participation due to not enough time to get a Visa.

The challenge of having cross participation from astronomers, astrophysicists and fundamental physics remains. Trying to involve more people from the GW EM follow-up is not enough. We have also to reach astrophysicists interested in population studies. People interested in GR and more broadly in fundamental physics is another important target. Besides setting this goal, there are no obvious solutions to achieve it. Ahead planning, involvement of non-GW people in the SOC, personal contacts are certainly good options.

Other notes: It would have been useful to give more travel options. Having a venue with tables for computers and easy motion around the room is a good thing to keep.

3) Location of next GPPAW(s)

In the postscripta of the previous GPPAW SOC meeting minutes provided by Erik Katsavounidis, the offers of Alberto Vecchio for Birmingham and Mario Diaz for Cordoba are listed as options for future GPPAW. Erik also informed us that soon after GPPAW-2016 Eugenio Coccia made an offer to host a future GPPAW. Just before GPPAW-2017 the availability of these three options have been checked, but

unfortunately none of them or other members of the proposing institutions were present in Annecy to give details on the offers. However, Eugenio explained that Marica Branchesi was available. Therefore she was invited to the SOC meeting and presents a few slides on the GSSI offer.

During GWPAW-2017, the SOC received also the offer from Bruce Allen of having AEI-Hannover hosting a future GWPAW.

During the SOC meeting, additional options were discussed:

- Nobuyuki Kanda and Kipp Cannon explained that Japan would be interested to host a future GWPAW, but not in 2018.
- Peter Shawhan explained that University of Maryland would be happy to host GWPAW 2018, but preferably in fall (late October / early November) to benefit from an existing conference time slot.
- Duncan Brown (who has been invited to the SOC meeting) explained that University of Syracuse is also offering to host a future GWPAW.

Rotating continents for GWPAW 2018 seems an important feature of the workshop series. Organizing it in the US East coast appears an appealing plan, both for the possibility to reach a larger astronomer/astrophysics community and for travels.

The SOC decision was to have GW2018 hosted by University of Maryland, with Peter Shawhan as new chair of the SOC and Duncan Brown as co-chair. Following the tradition of the GWPAW meetings, the exact date and location will be decided by Peter as well as the new SOC composition.

The SOC decided also to have GWPAW 2019 hosted in Japan. The SOC charged Kipp Cannon and Nobuyuki Kanda to work out the location (probably Tokyo area), dates and GWPAW-2019 SOC composition.

The SOC meeting was adjourned at 14:30.