

Dear D0 Colleagues,

It is a pleasure for me to welcome all of you in Marseille for the D0 Summer Collaboration Workshop. It's been 26 years that the D0 Collaboration is meeting and it's a great honor to have you tonight to start what I hope is going to be a productive and an enjoyable week.

We are also here tonight to celebrate our collaborative achievement: 200<sup>th</sup> paper published in Run II by the D0 experiment.

Before to start to say a few words and introduce our two next speakers, I would like to take a moment to deeply thank our secretary Angelique Pepe and our D0 colleague Smain Kermiche. Both have been tireless to help me to organize this meeting. We will also greatly benefit from the support of many other CPPM colleagues from our administration services that are here present tonight: Jocelyne, Nicolas, and I would like also to thank Magali, Esthere, Isabelle and Marie-Therese. Obviously, such a strong administrative support would not have been possible without Eric Kajfasz, the director of the CPPM and also our D0 Colleague. Thank you Eric for providing such an important and talented administrative team. And let's already thank everybody for having helped so much.

We are for a real treat tonight. Indeed, we have two outstanding speakers to come. Both have been in D0 for a long time.

The first one is a well known entertaining collaborator who has quite some experience with Marseille and a funny interesting blog. You have recognized our colleague Gordon Watts! Gordon has visited the CPPM for the last two years because it is the right place for him to work hard.

Our next speaker of the evening is the man who has been the driving force behind this experience since the beginning. He is the person who knows the whole history of how we got to where we are today: 200<sup>th</sup> paper published in Run II: the stories, the challenges and the little known secrets. Paul, thank you to be with us in Marseille!

I have made 120 presentations in D0. Yes, already... So now it's indeed time for me to start giving speeches. Along the way, I have been witnessing many great achievements and learnt a lot. I was asked by Dmitri and Stefan to mention the many papers published by the New Phenomena group. The New Phenomena group was a wonderful experience and I was much honored to be convener of such a talented group of people. As mentioned recently by the management, a very large fraction of the success of the D0 Collaboration in terms of publication comes from the NP group. The numbers are evocative of this success. As from today, we have 42 NP papers published, two other papers have been recently submitted, and 5 are almost in final sign-off. In the past two years, we have published or submitted 21 papers. Yes it's almost one per month...

The New Phenomena group was also a great place for the academic training of many students. I counted more than 100 PhD defended on topics related to New Phenomena. With an average of 3.5 years to complete a doctoral thesis, this is 350 years of work!

I think it is now time to welcome the other speakers. We will make every effort to make your stay as interesting and enjoyable as possible this week. Please do not hesitate to contact us if needed.

Please join me in giving a warm welcome to Gordon Watts and Paul Grannis!

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