
LSC meeting summary

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- Report on LSC Council meeting
- Calendar of upcoming meetings
- Reports of Working Group chairs
- Closing remarks

A biannual prize for the outstanding Ph.D. thesis written based on research carried out within LIGO (Lab or LSC.)

Either within an LSC member institution or in collaboration with one.

Theses judged on

- » Originality and creativity of research
- » Importance to field of gravitational wave detection, broadly defined
- » Clarity of presentation.

Prize includes

- » Certificate
- » Travel to LSC meeting to receive award
- » Cash award of \$1500

LIGO Thesis Prize (details)

First round to cover these from 1 June 03 to 31 May 05.

Nominations to Spokesperson by 1 June 05.

Spokesperson appoints selection committee, avoiding conflicts of interest with nominated candidates.

First LIGO Thesis Prize to be awarded at August LSC meeting at LHO.

Other business at the Council meeting



- Discussion of proposed revisions to Publication Policy. Proposed amendments tabled for further study; we resolved authorship questions for upcoming round of GWDAW proceedings papers.
- Nominations are now being sought for the two LSC-elected “technical advisors” to the augmented LIGO Oversight Committee. Send nominations to Stan Whitcomb promptly. An email election will follow. (Also: Information is sought on possible “stakeholder institutions” to be named by the Oversight Committee itself.)

Other business (cont.)

- Heard a progress report on the MOU Review Process. Review meeting was held successfully; reports to PI's will go out within days. The Review Panel will meet again in August; it will also construct the first annual LSC Progress Report and Work Plan.

Heads up on upcoming author list revisions:

After S2, “legacy authors” are to be removed from author list.

Starting with S4 papers, no more LIGO-I distinction. All LSC members who otherwise meet authorship criterion are eligible.

Discussion of new LSC Charter



- David Shoemaker and Norna Robertson presented a draft of a new LSC Charter for discussion.

Highlights:

- » Slightly revised first section (“preamble”); a straw poll showed a consensus to consider this our set of guiding principles, pending formal adoption of Charter.
- » Considered various models for the LSC Executive Committee. A straw poll showed a preference for a model involving a mix of appointed and elected members.

Plan: Revision of the draft (and perhaps telephone meeting of the Council?) over next few months, leading to a formal vote on adoption at August LSC meeting.

- GEO, 30 Mar – 1 April, Hannover
- APS, 16 - 19 April, Tampa
- GravStat, 19 - 21 May, PSU
- LSC Observational Results meeting, 4-5 June, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
- Amaldi 6, 19 - 24 June 2005, Okinawa
- LSC, 14 - 17 Aug 2005, LHO (Sun – Wed)
- Nov LSC Observational Results meeting?
- GWDAW, UTB, 14-17 Dec 2005

- ASIS
- DetChar
- DASWG
- SWG
- Optics
- Lasers
- AIC

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and comfortably!