



INTERNATIONAL CENTERS

EUCAPT, THE EUROPEAN CENTER FOR ASTROPARTICLE THEORY, IS LAUNCHED

This center is called EuCAPT (the European Center for AstroParticle Theory) and it will coordinate all the activities and proposals of European centres and groups that are active in the field of theoretical astroparticle physics. Its launch was ratified by the signing of an agreement between CERN and APPEC (the AstroParticle Physics European Consortium) during a ceremony that was held at CERN on 10 July 2019. CERN will host the EuCAPT hub in its theoretical physics department for at least five years, and APPEC is the promoter of the new center. A number of people took part in the signing event, including CERN's Eckart Elsen, Director for Research and Computing, and Gian Francesco Giudice, Head of the Theoretical Physics Department; APPEC's Chair, Teresa Montaruli, and General Secretary, Job de Kleuver; INFN's Vice President Antonio Masiero, EGO-Virgo's President Stavros Katsanevas; and the new center's founding Director, Gianfranco Bertone, as well as the steering committee.

EuCAPT was strongly promoted by APPEC's research agencies and institutions with the conviction that the already intense and significant theoretical activity spread throughout various European research centers – both small and large – would greatly benefit from the presence of a European centre that coordinated and supported new proposals. At the moment, around ten big European theoretical astroparticle physics centres have joined EuCAPT; these include Italy's IFPU (Institute for Fundamental Physics of the Universe), but other groups have already expressed their interest in joining. ■