

Virgo and LIGO IEEE Milestone Appointment

February 3rd 2021

The ceremony for appointing the IEEE milestone to Virgo and LIGO will start at **16.30** and will be divided into three parts:

- 16.30 - 17.30** Institutional greetings and celebration at the EGO site - Remote live streaming: youtube.com/c/EGOtheVirgoCollaboration
- 17.30 - 19.00** Broadcast of the pre-recorded celebration with LIGO. Remote live streaming: gwamilestone.com
- 19.00 - 19.30** Unveiling of the IEEE Milestone commemorative plaque at Cascina, Hanford and Livingston connected live.

Draft Program

- 16.30 Welcome and Introduction - Stavros Katsanevas, EGO director and Bernardo Tellini, President IEEE – Italy Section

Institutional welcome

- 16.35 Gaetano Manfredi - Italian Minister of Research and University
- 16.45 Eugenio Giani - President of Regione Toscana

Research Institutions

- 16.55 Marco Pallavicini - EGO Council President
- 17.00 Antoine Petit - President of CNRS, Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique
- 17.05 Antonio Zoccoli - President of INFN, Istituto Nazionale di Fisica Nucleare
- 17.10 Stan Bentvelsen - Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research

Historical and Future Perspectives

- 17.15 Raffaele Flaminio – Advanced Virgo + project leader
- 17.20 Giovanni Losurdo – Virgo spokesperson
- 17.30 Broadcast of the pre-recorded ceremony
- 19.00 Unveiling of the IEEE Milestone commemorative plaque at the three sites connected live