

First Announcement

"The second LOFAR Users meeting" and "The 2015 LOFAR Community Science Workshop"

**June 1-3, 2015
The Netherlands**

The International LOFAR Telescope (ILT) consortium will host the Second LOFAR Users meeting and the 2015 LOFAR Community Science workshop.

The Second LOFAR Users Meeting, June 1, 2015

On Monday afternoon, staff from the ASTRON Radio Observatory will hold the second LOFAR users meeting. This meeting is open to anyone from the community and is intended to bring together members of the LOFAR Key Science Projects (KSPs), researchers with approved LOFAR projects, potential users of LOFAR, and representatives from the ASTRON Radio Observatory (RO). The meeting will be an opportunity for ASTRON RO staff to demonstrate the current status of the LOFAR instrument and to highlight plans for future development of software and procedures. This overview will naturally lay the scene for the science meeting of the following two days. For the users, this meeting provides an important forum for discussion and they will have the opportunity to give their feedback on LOFAR operations and development, and highlight, when required, the need for improvement or change.

The 2015 LOFAR Community Science Workshop, June 2-3, 2013

This workshop will represent the fourth annual meeting of the LOFAR science collaboration since the onset of regular LOFAR science operations. These workshops aim to bring together active members of the Key Science Project teams as well as various EU and international members of the LOFAR user community. Following up on the operational overview provided by the Users meeting, this two-day workshop will feature a wide range of talks on exciting new scientific results from the Cycle observing programs. The workshop program will cover the gamut of the LOFAR science case from cosmology and extragalactic research to galactic, planetary, and solar system topics.

Logistics

The meetings will be held in Assen, the Netherlands. A second announcement giving more details on the venue and accommodation and highlighting the procedures for abstract submission and on-line registration will be distributed in

January 2015, coinciding with the opening of the conference website. We anticipate a modest registration fee for attendees in order to cover the costs of lunches and the workshop dinner.

If you have questions about these workshops, feel free to contact me or the ASTRON Secretariat at secretaryobservatory@astron.nl. In the meantime, please mark these dates in your calendars and I hope to see many of you in June!

Sincerely,

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on behalf of the Local Organizing Committee