Second Announcement

"The Third LOFAR Users meeting", "The 2016 LOFAR Community Science Workshop", and the "ILT Technical Operations Meeting"

April 4-6, 2016

Zandvoort aan Zee, The Netherlands

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<u>Registration is now open for the upcoming "Third LOFAR Users Meeting", the</u> <u>"2016 LOFAR Community Science Workshop", and the "ILT Technical</u> <u>Operations Meeting" to be held April 4-7, 2016.</u>

The International LOFAR Telescope (ILT) consortium will host workshops for the LOFAR community from April 4-7, 2016 in Zandvoort aan Zee, The Netherlands. The events will begin on Monday, April 4, with the Third LOFAR Users Meeting, open to the whole LOFAR community, organized by the Radio Observatory to provide a forum for users to both learn about the status of the array as well as give feedback.

Following the Users Meeting, the 2016 LOFAR Community Science workshop will kick off on Tuesday morning, April 5, and run through the end of the day on Wednesday, April 6. The two events are naturally related. The Users Meeting will set the scene for the Science Workshop, by discussing the operational status of LOFAR, technical developments, software enhancements, and improvements in calibration and imaging techniques. *Participants are therefore encouraged to attend both events. One registration fee is applied.*

On Thursday 7 April, the ILT technical operations meeting will take place. This meeting is open to the technical staff from the various international LOFAR stations to discuss issues related to station operations, scheduling, and maintenance. No registration fee is applied fort this meeting.

For all the meetings, details are available on the workshop website:

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If you are interested in giving a presentation during the LOFAR Community Science workshop, please submit a title and abstract using the online submission form. You will need to first register for the workshop before you will be able to submit an abstract.

*** The deadline for registration and abstract submission is March 14, 2016 ***

The meetings will be held at the <u>NH hotel Zandvoort</u>. The conference hotel is located at the attractive beach side promenade overlooking the sea, with easy access from Amsterdam Schiphol airport.

A block reservation has been made at NH hotel Zandvoort for the nights of 3, 4, 5 and 6 April. More details are available on the workshop website. Participants are responsible for making their own hotel reservation. *Please note that the block reservations will expire on March 11 2016!*

If you have questions about any of the meetings, feel free to contact us directly at location.org. We look forward to seeing you all in Zandvoort aan Zee!

Sincerely,

Roberto Pizzo On behalf of the Local Organizing Committee