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Dear colleagues,

As you may know, a network of European institutions active in theoretical astroparticle physics and cosmology named EuCAPT (European Consortium for AstroParticle Theory), was established in 2019 by APPEC, in close collaboration with CERN, after consultation with several theory centres. CERN was chosen as the central hub of EuCAPT for the first 5 years.

The main activities organised by EuCAPT include:

- An annual symposium of the European theoretical astroparticle physics and cosmology community (the first one was held in 2021, the second one will take place remotely from May 23 to 25, 2022);
- Thematic workshops to be organised by other participating institutions (see list of past and future events at <https://www.eucapt.org/events>);
- Support for meetings for small groups of scientists to start, consolidate and/or finalize collaborative projects and joint proposals;
- Coordination of scientific and training activities of the participating institutions to prevent overlaps and enrich the overall portfolio.
- Coordination with astroparticle theorists and cosmologists worldwide, favouring collaborations, visits and bolstering common actions;
- Creation and operation of an EuCAPT website (<https://www.eucapt.org/>), including an activity calendar (<https://www.eucapt.org/virtual-meetings>);
- Helping scientists attract adequate resources for their projects; and
- Promoting a stimulating, fair and open environment in which young scientists can thrive.

In view of the success of the first 2 years of activities, and in continuation of our mission of supporting and consolidating the scientific community in Europe, we now invite all European institutions active in this field to join EuCAPT.

We also invite one representative of each participating institution to join the EuCAPT Council, the organ that from now on will elect the EuCAPT executive committee and director, and that will serve as liaison between EuCAPT and all European institutions.

IMPORTANT:

- Institutions with more than 20 members, from PhD students to faculty, currently active in theoretical astroparticle physics and cosmology are invited to join EuCAPT and to indicate one representative.
- Institutions with fewer members can team up with one or more other institutions, until they reach a total number of 20 members or more.
- If all the institutions of a European country, when grouped together, fail to reach the threshold to join, they can still nominate one joint representative.
- We are aware that there are some ambiguities in the way one counts the number of active members, and that there might be fluctuations in the number of active members. Instead of devising strict rules, we ask you to please use your best judgement when counting members.
- The Steering committee will assess each proposal individually.

No formal commitment is required for institutions to join EuCAPT, beside maintaining a list of active members, and ensuring an effective communication of the EuCAPT activities and opportunities with them.

We nevertheless expect that participating institutions will contribute to the creation of an open and inclusive platform for international collaboration, and will look for opportunities to contribute to the organisation of thematic meetings and scientific exchanges, and facilitate the participation of its members in EuCAPT activities. EuCAPT values diversity. We kindly ask you to keep that in mind when choosing a representative for your institution, and to help us build a diverse and balanced Council.

At this stage, we kindly ask you to discuss with colleagues at your institution and **send via email by May 16, 2022, to the address: eu capt.secretariat@cern.ch the following information:**

- Name of your institution(s)
- Address and website of the institution(s)
- Total number of active members
- Name of the representative
- Email address of the representative

Please send only one email per institution, or group of institutions, to the address above. In case of doubts or conflicts about the selection of a local representative, please refer to the head of your institution. For more information, and a list of FAQ, please refer to the webpage <https://www.eucapt.org/joining>.

Sincerely,

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EuCAPT Director, on behalf of the Steering Committee