

RadioNet support for scientific events

Application form

EVENT INFORMATION	
TITLE	e-MERLIN and VLBI in the SKA era www.jb.man.ac.uk/meetings/JBOintheSKAera
PLACE	Jodrell Bank Observatory
ORGANISER'S INSTITUTE	R. Beswick, University of Manchester
DATE	11-12 September 2017
NO. OF PARTICIPANTS	~50
TOTAL EVENT COST	£4434.00 – basic (min) cost (see finance information appended)
OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDING	University of Manchester – Up to £4000.00
REQUEST <i>(max 2 pages)</i>	
Requested contribution [EURO]	<i>1000Euro</i>
Use of the RadioNet contribution	<p>We request a RadioNet contribution which will be combined with University of Manchester financial contributions to support an open ~50person workshop/meeting 'e-MERLIN and VLBI in the SKA era' to be held at Jodrell Bank Observatory in September 2017.</p> <p>The primary sponsor of this meeting is the University of Manchester who have agreed a budget of up to £4000, and here we request RadioNet support to provide <i>additional</i> enhanced participation (~500Euro) and to co-sponsor this meeting (~500Euro).</p> <p>This meeting is open to all members of the community within the UK and overseas. No registration fee will be charged for attendance at this meeting thus allowing a high level of accessibility to all members of the community.</p> <p>In this application we request modest RadioNet financial support of 1000Euros. This RadioNet contribution will be used to support the meeting costs and provide partial financial support for attending individuals.</p> <p>Specifically, this RadioNet request will co-fund at a level of 500Euro, along with the University of Manchester, the costs of a conference reception event (total cost of reception is £900 as detailed below).</p> <p>The additional requested RadioNet Support (500Euro) will be used directly to subsidise accommodation and travel costs for early career scientists, underrepresented groups and individuals/groups who are not traditionally members of the Radio Astronomy community. This will broaden participation in the event and increase impact.</p> <p>Partial support will be provided for individuals to offset accommodation and travel costs. The estimated cost of accommodation for 2 nights is 190Euro, with delegates expected to travel from the UK or Europe at typical costs of up to ~100-200Euro per delegate. As such we would expect to provide partial support up to 5 participants. Due to the short time between potential allocation of funding (late July/early August) and the meeting, we will both advertise this opportunity widely in future announcements and also target existing</p>

	<p>registered delegates.</p> <p>A summary of the budget and contributions is provided below.</p> <p>Meeting Budget/cost:</p> <p>Costs are detailed for a projection of 50 Delegates, however venue capabilities allow up to 100 delegates to attend. Cost estimated as of 16th June 2017, based on quotes.</p> <p>Venue hire (inc. staffing) : £750.00 Catering (inc. Conference reception meal, staffing, catering equipment hire) : £2,864.00 Transportation (Bus transport between venue and hotels) : £620.00 Miscellaneous materials (inc promotional materials) : £200 Total meeting cost : £4434.00</p> <p>Delegates will be expected to fund their own accommodation and travel. Additional RadioNet funding, if allocated, for this meeting will be used to partially support these costs for early career scientists and scientists from underrepresented groups.</p> <p>Overall we request 1000Euro from RadioNet. The remaining meeting costs will be donated by the University of Manchester.</p> <p>Contribution breakdown:</p> <p>University of Manchester contribution : £4000.00 RadioNet contribution to meeting : £440.00 (~500Euro) Total meeting cost : £4434,00 Contingency : £500.00 (agreed level of contingency from University of Manchester)</p> <p>Additional travel/substance support for delegates : 500Euro (from RadioNet support) Total RadioNet support requested : 1000Euro</p>
<p>How the event fits in the RadioNet framework</p>	<p>This meeting is directly related to two of the TA supported RadioNet Facilities (e-MERLIN and EVN) and the target audience of this meeting is the RadioNet science community.</p> <p>The prime topic and purpose of this meeting will be for the e-MERLIN facility to engage with the wider science community and garner input on the direction and future science opportunities that the science community wish to pursue with this facility. The meeting programme will involve invited and contributed talks from the community, alongside presentation of facility capabilities (e-MERLIN and EVN) and extended discussions.</p> <p>There will be a dedicated session on future VLBI science which will combine contributed and invited presentation along with open community discussions. This part of meeting is specifically designed to provide an open platform to present the EVN to a wider community and engage with this science community.</p> <p>An outline can be found on the meeting webpages and announcements (see www.jb.man.ac.uk/meetings/JBOinSKAerall/). This meeting will also address and provide an open forum for discussion on a suite of potential developments to the e-MERLIN facilities, as well as an opportunity for the presentation of science results from e-MERLIN and the EVN.</p> <p>Registration for this meeting is open and has been widely advertised.</p>
<p>Relevance of the event for RadioNet</p>	<p>This meeting is specifically organised around and to promote two of the RadioNet facilities (e-MERLIN and EVN). It will target the wider UK community (including non-radio/non-VLBI scientists) and the broad EU/global science community. The overarching aims of this meeting of community enlargement and engagement are precisely aligned with the goals of RadioNet.</p>
<p>Ethics</p>	<p>This is a fully open and inclusive meeting. The additional support provided by RadioNet will be used to further enhance and facilitate engagement by groups/scientists that may not be able to participate due to financial limitations. Where possible priority will be given to speakers who are early career scientist (PhD/PDRAs) and traditionally underrepresented groups.</p> <p>This meeting will abide by the standard JBCA code of conduct which is available on the</p>

	<p>meeting website. More widely the host institute the University of Manchester is committed to creating an environment where diversity is celebrated and everyone is treated fairly regardless of gender, disability, ethnic origin, religion or belief, sexual orientation, marital status, age or nationality. All meeting participants are requested to abide by the JBCA Code of Conduct and the university's policy on equality and diversity.</p>
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