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Report:

1 SCIENTIFIC SUMMARY

The scientific presentations at the symposium were an excellent summary of the achievements of the past 50 years of pulsar research combined with an exciting glimpse forward to what lies ahead for the next couple of decades. The meeting was organised around the broad topics of: Pulsar Searches, Binary Pulsars, Emission Physics, Multi-wavelength Studies, Gravity Tests and Gravitational Waves, New and Future Facilities, Neutron Star Masses and Equations of State, Pulsars and their environments and the Interstellar Medium.

In the pulsar searching session we heard about how the serendipitous discovery of pulsars was enabled by advances in instrumentation and tenacity and how that first initial pulsar has resulted in a whole zoo of different manifestations of rotating neutron stars that emit across the electromagnetic spectrum. We heard exciting new search results from telescopes all around the world including a plethora of millisecond pulsars, discovered associated by following up unidentified Fermi sources and the fastest spinning pulsar in the Galactic disk and the slowest spinning pulsar.

We heard about the incredible history and variety of the binary pulsar population and the evolutionary scenarios that lead to this variety. We also heard about the growing classes of eclipsing binary millisecond pulsars and systems that transition between the active radio emitting and accreting phases and how they are teaching us about the formation, spin evolution and accretion physics.

The great advances made in emission physics across the electromagnetic spectrum, especially in the gamma-rays, and some of the challenges that are still remaining were presented. We heard about the initial observations at high-energies and then the revolution that has come with the new satellites and instruments. Computing advances have also allowed for greatly improved simulations of pulsar magnetospheres pushing us into the realm of realistic 3D models. These improvements are needed as we had a number of new results highlighting the interaction between spin and magnetospheric properties of pulsars, including changes at X-ray energies. Our understanding of the emission process and regions is being further enhanced by better polarisation and beam models as well as measurements of beam shapes from precessing systems. We also further explored the neutron star zoo and objects such as RCW103 and those that are bridging the magnetar-radio pulsar divide like PSR J1119-6127.

The vital role that pulsars in double neutron star binaries has played in our understanding of gravity and the roles that they continue to have, with ever new tests becoming possible with the Double pulsar, were presented. We also learnt about two new relativistic double neutron star systems which each in their own right can claim to be “firsts” and will further expand the gravity test parameter space. We heard about the steps forward in the ongoing search for gravitational waves in the nanoHertz regime and how these searches are being used to improve our understanding of the solar system.

The future is looking bright for pulsar and neutron star research with a whole range of new and upcoming telescopes being presented from the SKA, the low-frequency arrays, MeerKAT, CHIME, uGMRT, FAST, NICER, and ELT to name a few. We were also encouraged to think about where the field is heading and what big science questions need to be addressed with these new instruments.

Neutron stars as laboratories for the understanding of nuclear physics were explored with detailed examination of the roles of glitches in allowing us to understand the equation of state. We also explored the role of the superfluid and how we can learn more about its properties. Pulsars also have an impact on their surroundings, including possible companions or the surrounding medium, in the form of SNRs and pulsar wind nebulae. We explored the rich physics of these interactions. We also heard about the magnetar whose radio emission is proving key to studying the environment of the supermassive black hole at the Galactic centre. The rich array of pulsars located in globular clusters was presented and how these sources can be used to study the dynamics and provide evidence of the mass distributions and possible central intermediate mass black holes.

The interaction of the radio emission from pulsars with the magneto-ionic medium between the Earth and the source was richly studied. We had an excellent summary of the field and heard how low-frequency

observations are revealing important new properties of the scattering and dispersive structures in the interstellar medium. We also heard about new techniques for extracting information about these structures from very high time resolution data. We also heard about our improved understanding of the magnetic field distribution in globular clusters and our Galaxy.

This conference perfectly highlighted the rich variety of physics and astronomy that can be understood, tested and challenged by using pulsars and neutron stars and showed that there is an exciting future ahead for this field.

The various results presented at the conference (oral and posters) made use of the following RadioNet infrastructures: EVN, e-MERLIN, Effelsberg, LOFAR, WSRT and IRAM. This event has had two major impacts for the RadioNet community: 1) it allowed RadioNet researchers to disseminate results obtained through its infrastructures to the broader international community, 2) it provided an opportunity for a majority of the RadioNet community studying pulsars to meet in person and discuss current and future projects. The event generated media attention from a press release associated to the conference itself as well as at least one research result (Bassa et al.) reporting on the LOFAR detection of the fastest known millisecond pulsar in the Galactic field.

2 AGENDA OF THE EVENT

2.1 Talks

4 September 2017

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| 9:00-9:30 | Registration/Coffee/Welcome | |
| 9:30-10:00 | The Discovery of Pulsars | Jocelyn Bell Burnell |
| 10:00-10:30 | Neutron Star Zoo | Vicky Kaspi |
| 10:30-10:45 | LOFAR Tied Array All-Sky Survey for Pulsars and Fast Transients | Chia Min Tan |
| 10:45-11:00 | An Update on the GBNCC Pulsar Survey | Ryan Lynch |
| 11:00-11:30 | Coffee | |
| 11:30-11:45 | Search for Pulsars and Transients with the GMRT | Bhaswati Bhattacharyya |
| 11:45-12:00 | Discovery of Twelve Millisecond Pulsars in Fermi LAT Unassociated Sources With the GBT telescope | Siraprapa Sanpa-arsa |
| 12:00-12:15 | The Einstein@Home Gamma-ray Pulsar Survey | Colin Clark |
| 12:15-12:30 | A Fast Folding Algorithm for Large Scale Surveys, and the Discovery of the Slowest Spinning Radio Pulsar | Vincent Morello |
| 12:30-12:45 | 50 Years of Candidate Pulsar Selection – What next? | Robert Lyon |
| 12:45-13:00 | Coherent De-dispersion: History and Results | Timothy Hankins |
| 13:00-14:00 | Lunch | |
| 14:00-14:15 | Millisecond Pulsar Surveys at Low Observing Frequencies | Cees Bassa |
| 14:15-14:45 | The First Binary Pulsars and What They Told Us About Binary Star Evolution | Dipankar Bhattacharya |
| 14:45-15:00 | X-Ray and Optical Properties of Black Widows and Redbacks | Mallory Roberts |
| 15:00-15:15 | A Decade of Transitional Millisecond Pulsars | Amruta Jaodand |
| 15:15-15:30 | A Black Widow Up Close | Robert Main |
| 15:30-16:00 | Coffee | |
| 16:00-16:30 | Pulsar Emission Physics: An Historical Overview | Alice Harding |
| 16:30-16:45 | Correlated Emission and Spin Variability in Radio Pulsars | Benjamin Shaw |
| 16:45-17:00 | Switching States in Pulsar Magnetospheres | Phrudth Jaroenjittichai |
| 17:00-17:15 | X-ray Properties of the Mode-switching Pulsar B0943+10 | Sandro Mereghetti |
| 17:15-17:30 | PSR B0943+10: a Multi-wavelength Picture of a Mode Switching Pulsar | Anna Bilous |
| 17:30-19:30 | Reception | |

5 September 2017

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| 9:00-9:30 | Coffee | |
| 9:30-10:00 | Observing the Plasma-Physical Processes Behind Pulsar Radiation | Joanna Rankin |
| 10:00-10:15 | Organised Polarisation Variability in Radio Pulsars and the Consequences for Emission Theory | Cristina Ilie |
| 10:15-10:30 | Multi-wavelength Studies of the Crab Pulsar's Giant Pulses | Natalia Lewandowska |
| 10:30-10:45 | Mapping the Emission Location of the Crab Pulsar's Giant Pulses | Marten van Kerkwijk |
| 10:45-11:00 | 3D Pulsar Magnetospheres from First Principles: Kinetic Simulations | Anatoly Spitkovsky |
| 11:00-11:30 | Coffee | |
| 11:30-11:45 | Pulsar Polarization: The View from the Southern Hemisphere | Simon Johnston |
| 11:45-12:00 | Comparing Gamma-ray Loud and Gamma-ray Quiet Radio Pulsars – A Unification Scheme | Patrick Weltevrede |
| 12:00-12:15 | PSR J1906+0746: From Spin-Precession to Emission Physics | Gregory Desvignes |
| 12:15-12:30 | Pulsar Observations in the Short Millimetre Regime | Pablo Torne |
| 12:30-12:45 | Gigahertz-peaked Spectra Pulsars | Karolina Rozko |
| 12:45-13:00 | The Noisy Ageing of Slow Pulsars: New Thoughts on the Evolution of the Pulsar Population | Aris Karastergiou |
| 13:00-14:00 | Lunch | |
| 14:00-14:30 | The First Multi-wavelength Pulsars | Wim Hermsen |
| 14:30-15:00 | The Multi-wavelength View of Pulsars | Elizabeth Ferrara |
| 15:00-15:15 | The Puzzling Source at the Center of the SNR RCW103 | Alice Borghese |
| 15:15-15:30 | Magnetar-like Emission in Other Neutron Star Classes | Nanda Rea |
| 15:30-16:00 | Coffee | |
| 16:00-16:15 | Radio Silencing Magnetar Bursts | Robert Archibald |
| 16:15-16:30 | Hard Tails in High-Field Pulsars and Magnetars | Zorawar Wadiasingh |
| 16:30-16:45 | Magnetar Giant Flare High-energy Emission | Chris Elenbaas |
| 16:45-17:00 | The Missing Links of Neutron Star Evolution in the eROSITA Era | Adriana Mancini Pires |
| 17:00-17:15 | X-ray Emission from Millisecond Pulsars | Slavko Bogdanov |
| 17:15-17:30 | Modelling Energy-dependent Pulsar Light Curves | Christo Venter |

6 September 2017

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| 9:00-9:30 | Coffee | |
| 9:30-10:00 | From Einstein's Theory to Gravity's Chirp | Joseph Taylor |
| 10:00-10:30 | Gravity Tests with Pulsars | Michael Kramer |
| 10:30-10:45 | The Discovery of the Most Relativistic Binary Pulsar: an Update from the HTRU-S Low Latitude Survey | Andrew Cameron |
| 10:45-11:00 | Testing General Relativity With the Pulsar Triple System | Anne Archibald |
| 11:00-11:30 | Coffee | |
| 11:30-11:45 | Strong Field Tests of Gravity with PSR J1141-6545 | Vivek Venkatraman Krishnan |
| 11:45-12:00 | PSR J1913+1102: A Highly Asymmetric and Relativistic Double Neutron Star Binary System | Robert Ferdman |
| 12:00-12:30 | Gravitational Waves | K J Lee |
| 12:30-12:45 | Solar System Ephemerides, Pulsar Timing, and Navigation | Joseph Lazio |
| 12:45-13:00 | Solar-System Studies with Pulsar Timing Arrays | Nicolas Caballero |
| 13:00-14:00 | Lunch | |
| 14:00-14:30 | The SKA | Evan Keane |
| 14:30-15:00 | The Future of Pulsar Research and Facilities | Matthew Bailes |
| 15:00-15:15 | Pulsar Searches with the SKA | Lina Levin Preston |
| 15:15-15:30 | A Low-frequency Pulsar Renaissance | Jason Hessels |
| 15:30-16:00 | Coffee | |
| 16:00-16:15 | Enhancing MeerKAT | Ewan Barr |
| 16:15-16:30 | Pulsar Science with the Canadian CHIME Telescope | Cherry Ng |
| 16:30-16:45 | Time-domain Astronomy with the GMRT: uGMRT to eGMRT | Jayanta Roy |
| 16:45-17:00 | FAST | Di Li |
| 17:00-17:15 | Searching for X-ray Pulsations from Neutron Stars Using NICER | Paul Ray |
| 17:15-17:30 | Optical Pulsars in the Extremely Large Telescope Era | Andrew Shearer |

7 September 2017

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| 9:00-9:30 | Coffee | |
| 9:30-10:00 | Pulsar Glitches and their Impact on Neutron-star Astrophysics | Richard Manchester |
| 10:00-10:30 | Glitches/NS Masses and EOS | Bryn Haskell |
| 10:30-10:45 | Thermonuclear Burst Oscillations and the Dense Matter Equation of State | Anna Watts |
| 10:45-11:00 | Dynamical Onset of Superconductivity and Retention of Magnetic Fields in Cooling Neutron Stars | Wynn Ho |
| 11:00-11:30 | Coffee | |
| 11:30-11:45 | Glitch Activity of Radio Pulsars and Magnetars | Rafael Fuentes |
| 11:45-12:00 | Braking Indices and Spin Evolution | Cristobal Espinoza |
| 12:00-12:15 | The Peculiar Rotational History of PSR J0537-6910 | Danai Antonopoulou |
| 12:15-12:30 | Neutron Star Equation of State and Uncertainty on the Radius Determination | Morgane Fortin |
| 12:30-12:45 | A Window into the Neutron Star: Modelling the Cooling of Accretion Heated Neutron Star Crusts | Marcella Wijngaarden |
| 12:45-13:00 | Magnetospheric Switching in PSR B1828-11 | Ingrid Stairs |
| 13:00-14:00 | Lunch | |
| 14:00-14:30 | High Energy Beams and Winds | Roger Romani |
| 14:30-15:00 | Multimessenger (PWN/SNR/etc..) | Roberta Zanin |
| 15:00-15:15 | Timing Three Dozen Pulsars in Terzan 5 Over a Dozen Years | Scott Ransom |
| 15:15-15:30 | Evidence for an Intermediate-mass Black Hole in NGC 6624 | Benetge Perera |
| 15:30-16:00 | Coffee | |
| 16:00-16:15 | The Pulsars in the Globular Clusters 47 Tucanae and M15: Latest Results from Long-term Timing | Alessandro Ridolfi |
| 16:15-16:30 | Magnetar Nebulae can be Rotationally-powered | Diego Torres |
| 16:30-16:45 | On the Radio-emitting Particles of the Crab Nebula: Stochastic Acceleration Model | Shuta Tanaka |
| 16:45-17:00 | Absorption-like Features in Middle-aged Pulsars | Prakash Arumugasamy |
| 17:00-17:15 | A Magnetar at the Heart of the Milky Way | Ralph Eatough |
| 17:15-17:30 | The Galactic Center Magnetar: Broadband Single Pulses from J1745-2900 | Shami Chatterjee |
| 17:30-21:00 | Conference Dinner | |

8 September 2017

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| 9:00-9:30 | Coffee | |
| 9:30-10:00 | The Magnetoionic Universe: the Astro-optics of Pulsars, Bursts, and SETI | James Cordes |
| 10:00-10:15 | Scattering Variability of the Crab Pulsar | Laura Driessen |
| 10:15-10:30 | Anomalous Pulsar Scattering at LOFAR Frequencies | Marisa Geyer |
| 10:30-10:45 | Solar Wind Monitoring with the German LOFAR Stations | Caterina Tiburzi |
| 10:45-11:00 | Anisotropy and Intermittency in the Interstellar Plasma | Barney Rickett |
| 11:00-11:30 | Coffee | |
| 11:30-11:45 | Scintillation Arcs Shed Light on Scattering from Planar Plasma Sheets | Dan Stinebring |
| 11:45-12:00 | Pulsar VLBI Scintillometry | Ue-Li Pen |
| 12:00-12:15 | Extreme Scattering Events Toward Two Young Pulsars | Matthew Kerr |
| 12:15-12:30 | Echoes in the Pulse Profile of PSR B2217+47 | Daniele Michilli |
| 12:30-12:45 | Polarization Study of the Pulsars in the Globular Cluster 47 Tucanae | Federico Abbate |
| 12:45-13:00 | Studying Magnetic Fields using Low-frequency Pulsar Observations | Charlotte Sobey |
| 13:00-13:15 | Closing | |
| 13:15-14:00 | Lunch | |

2.2 Posters

1. Advances in our understanding of the free-precession candidate PSR B1828-11 - Ashton, Gregory
2. The X-ray Pulsar 2A 1822-371 as a super-Eddington source - Bak Nielsen, Ann-Sfie
3. Simultaneous Radio and X-Ray observation of Crab Pulsar - Basu, Avishek Kumar
4. Interstellar space weather toward timing-array millisecond pulsars - Bhat, Ramesh
5. Low frequency pulsar observations with LOFAR - Bondonneau, Louis
6. Phase-dependent absorption features in X-ray spectra of XDINSs - Borghese, Alice
7. X-ray bounds on the r-mode amplitude in millisecond pulsars - BOZTEPE, TU_GBA
8. Pulsar Magnetosphere: a more self consistent view from PIC simulations - Brambilla, Gabriele
9. Long Timescale Pulsar Variability - Brook, Paul
10. A search for single FRB-like pulses from magnetars - Burgay, Marta
11. Millisecond pulsars in globular clusters - Cadelano, Mario
12. First interferometric detections of fast radio bursts - Caleb, Manisha
13. Superburst Oscillations - Chambers, Frank
14. Systematic study of magnetar outbursts - Coti Zelati, Francesco
15. Prospects for Discovering Pulsars in Future Continuum Surveys - Dai, Shi
16. Glitch time series - Darehmoradi, Mohammad
17. Observing Pulsars with a Phased Array Feed at the Parkes Telescope - Deng, Xinning
18. Radio pulsar beam and polarisation - Dyks, Jaroslaw
19. Precision timing analysis of the highly energetic young pulsar PSR J0537-6910 - Ferdman, Robert
20. Long-term Timing of the Pulsar-Triple System in Messier 4 - Fonseca, Emmanuel
21. Magnetic _eld con_gurations of magnetars - Fujisawa, Kotaro
22. The onset of low Prandtl number thermal convection in thin spherical shells - Garcia Gonzalez, Ferran
23. Going from pulsars to Fast Radio Bursts - Gardenier, David
24. Magnetic Axis Wobbling in Strongly Magnetised Pulsars - Gourgouliatos, Kostas
25. Interstellar medium studies below 200 MHz: LOFAR single stations and NenuFAR - Griessmeier, Jean-Mathias
26. The broad X-ray emission of PSR J0437-4715 - Guillot, Sebastien
27. Conquering systematics in the timing of the Pulsar Triple System PSR J0337+1715 - Gusinskaia, Nina
28. A new look at pulsar distances and the gamma-ray luminosity of PSR J0218+4232 - Igoshev, Andrei
29. Status and Early Science of the Thai 40-m Radio Telescope - Jaroenjittichai, Phrudth
30. Probing pulsar interiors via timing measurements - Jones, Ian
31. Peculiar nulling observed in PSR B1706-16 with Ooty Radio Telescope and the GMRT - Joshi, Bhal Chandra
32. Wide band simultaneous multi-frequency single pulse study of PSR J1822-2256 - Joshi, Bhal Chandra
33. On sub-pulse drift related pro_le mode-changes studied with a new technique - Joshi, Bhal Chandra
34. Understanding the Pulsar High-Energy Emission: Macroscopic and Kinetic Models - Kalapotharakos, Constantinos
35. Thermal absorption in gigahertz-peaked spectra pulsars - Kijak, Jaroslaw
36. Luminosity of synchrotron radiation in pulsar magnetospheres - Kisaka, Shota
37. Evolution of a neutron star's magnetic inclination angle through internal dissipation - Lander, Samuel
38. Is „anomalous scattering“ typical for pulsars? - Lewandowski, Wojciech
39. New EOSs for supramassive quark stars - Li, Ang
40. Measuring the frequency second derivative in high-precision pulsar timing - Liu, Xiaojin
41. Towards understanding the ISM turbulence using pulsars - MA, Krishnakumar
42. A precise treatment of the sub-pulse phase and its effects on observables - Maan, Yogesh
43. Mode-switching and giant pulses in the Black Widow pulsar - Mahajan, Nikhil
44. Transitional Radio Pulsar PSR J1119-6127 - Majid, Walid
45. PAFINDER - Malenta, Mateusz
46. Machine Learning for Radio Transient Detection - McFadden, Rebecca
47. LEAP: The Large European Array for Pulsars - Overview and Update - McKee, James
48. Mapping emission regions in pulsar magnetospheres: simultaneous observations of subpulse drifting with the MWA and the GMRT - McSweeney, Samuel
49. PSG Model and Complicity Parameter: Theory and Observations - Melikidze, George
50. Spectral Flattening of Crab Giant Pulses at Low Frequencies - Meyers, Bradley
51. 1,000,000 Giant Pulses from the Crab Pulsar - Mickaliger, Mitch
52. Extragalactic pulsar searches in nearby galaxies with LOFAR: M31, M33, M81, M82 - Mikhailov, Klim
53. The Extent and Observable Properties of Nuclear Pasta in Neutron Star Crusts - Newton, William
54. Blind Search Methods for Binary Gamma-ray Pulsars - Nieder, Lars

55. High Time Resolution Astronomical Polarimetry with the Galway Astronomical Stoke Polarimeter - O'Connor, Eoin
56. Last results from the Nan_cay pulsar survey SPAN512 - Octau, Franck
57. Multi-messenger follow-up of FRBs from ALERT - Oostrum, Leon
58. Gravitational wave emission from neutron stars - Osborne, Emma
59. A Search for Long-Period Pulsars with a Fast-Folding Algorithm in the PALFA Survey - Parent, Emilie
60. A uni_ed model of supernova explosion driven by magnetic monopoles - Peng, Qiuhe
61. Galactic center survey with the multi-feed S-band receiver at the SRT - Perrodin, Delphine
62. A multi-wavelength pipeline for pulsar searches - Pilia, Maura
63. Eclipse analysis of J1810+1744 - Polzin, Elliott
64. From Neutron Star Observables to the Equation of State - Raithel, Carolyn
65. FLAG: Commissioning and a survey for pulsars and fast transients - Rajwade, Kaustubh
66. The interpretation of broadband data from pulsars - Rammala, Isabella
67. Exploring the Physical Conditions in Millisecond Pulsar Emission Regions - Rankin, Joanna
68. Understanding the Orientations of Pulsar Radiation and Supernova „Kicks" - Rankin, Joanna
69. Inferring Pulsar Microstructure Timescales - Rankin, Joanna
70. X-BOs: An open-source code for neutron star X-ray Burst Oscillation Simulation - RILEY, THOMAS
71. Thermal Evolution of Old Neutron Stars - Rodriguez, Luis
72. MeerTRAP: A real-time survey for pulsars and fast transients with MeerKAT - Sanidas, Sotiris
73. Monitoring Pulsars with a Phased Array Feed (PAF) Receiver - Sarkissian, John
74. High Time Resolution Astrophysics on Next Generation Systems - Scragg, Thomas
75. On the patchiness of spectra of individual pulses of pulsars at low radio frequencies - Song, Xiaoxi
76. Searching for young, hidden pulsars - Straal, Samayra
77. ALFABURST: A commensal radio transient survey with ALFA - Surnis, Mayuresh
78. Characteristics of drifting subpulses and physical conditions at the polar cap - Szary, Andrzej
79. Modeling the E_ect of Kick Velocity during the Accretion Induced Collapse of White Dwarfs on Binary Pulsars - Taani, Ali
80. Pulsars as plasma machines: how dense the plasma in pulsar magnetosphere can be? - Timokhin, Andrey
81. Order parameters for the high-energy spectra of pulsars - Torres, Diego F.
82. Low frequency pulsar polarimetry with the MWA - Tremblay, Steven
83. Millisecond pulsars as standards: timing, positioning and communication - Vidal, Cl_ement
84. X-ray bounds on the r-mode amplitude in millisecond pulsars - Vurgun, Eda
85. Modeling Non-thermal Emission from „Black Widow" and „Redback" Millisecond Pulsar Binaries in the Rotation-Powered State - Wadiasingh, Zorawar
86. RRAT studies with the e-MERLIN interferometer - Walker, Charlie
87. PSRSALSA: an open-source pulsar data-analysis package - Weltevrede, Patrick
88. Evidence for elliptical pulsar beams - Wright, Geoff
89. Self-consistent numerical research for inhomogeneous chiral phase transition in neutron stars - Yasutake, Nobutoshi
90. Systematic analysis about the polarization in thermal radiations of magnetars - Yatabe, Akihiro
91. Dependence of pulsar death line on the equation of state - Zhou, Xia

3 PARTICIPANTS

The year 2017 marks the 50th anniversary of the discovery of pulsars and is thus an excellent moment to reflect on what we have learnt from these remarkable physical laboratories and to cast our eyes forward to the exciting opportunities they provide for physical and astrophysical studies in the coming decades. In September 2017 the International Astronomical Union Symposium 337 provided the ideal opportunity to do just that. More than 200 participants from 20 countries assembled at Jodrell Bank Observatory/UK on the Cheshire plains in the shadow of the Lovell Telescope for this one-week symposium.

There were a total of 91 talks and 91 posters. The talks were well balanced between historical presentations, which placed the context for the field, state-of-the-art presentations which summarized where we are now and those which presented new results and looked to the future. There were a lot of young speakers and many for whom this was their first presentation at an international meeting. Gender balance was also excellent with 31% of the talks by female speakers. This combination led to a very vibrant and dynamic set of talks. The posters were presented in the marquee where all the coffee, lunch and social events took place, which allowed for lots of time for viewing and discussion.

The location of the meeting at the Observatory had two important influences on the enjoyment of the meeting. The first was the lack of internet and mobile phone access in the lecture theatre. This resulted in many of the attendees commenting on the high percentage of people present in all the talks and the number of questions and the depth of the discussions. The second was the fact that everybody was present on site the whole day, including breaks, meant that the opportunities for interaction and discussion were maximized.

To commemorate the anniversary of the discovery of pulsars and the meeting a sustainable, permanent memorial in the form of a Crab Apple tree, *Malus 'White Star'* was planted near the Lovell telescope by Dame Jocelyn Bell-Burnell. At the same location each of the participants in the meeting were invited to plant a Daffodil, *Narcissus 'Woodland Star'* as their own memorial to the meeting and anniversary.

Outreach events included special events organized in the lead up to the symposium at the Jodrell Bank Discovery Centre for the public and in particular school children. Shortly after the conference a Girls Night Out event was also organized which concentrated on pulsars and also took place at the Discovery Centre. A completely full, more than 200 people, public lecture was given during the symposium by Prof. Joel Weisberg that was extremely well received. During the meeting recordings of interviews made with participants and these will be broadcast as a special edition of the popular podcast, the Jodcast.

Overall the meeting was a fitting occasion to commemorate 50 years since the discovery of pulsars.

Signed participant list is attached.



Pulsar Astrophysics: The Next Fifty Years

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4 RADIO NET FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION

The RadioNet funds were entirely devoted to provide support to EU students/postdocs to attend the conference, as a subsidy to pay a fraction of the registration fees. The participants were chosen across the various participating country and also provide gender balance.

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| Amruta | Jaodand | The Netherlands |
| Eoin | O'Connor | Ireland |
| Franck | Octau | France |
| Emma | Osborne | United Kingdom |
| Samuel | Lander | Poland |
| Thomas | Scragg | United Kingdom |

5 PUBLICATIONS

Proceedings of this conference are to be published by Cambridge University Press, and electronic access to the proceedings will become public 18 months after publication.

6 SIGNED PARTICIPANT' LIST

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