

RadioNet support for scientific events

Application form for organisers

EVENT INFORMATION	
TITLE	15 th European VLBI Network Symposium and User's Meeting
PLACE	University College Cork, Cork, Ireland
ORGANISER'S INSTITUTE NAME	Jointly organised by Dublin Institute for Advanced Studies (contact: Dr. Simon Purser, purser@cp.dias.ie) and University College Cork (contact: Prof. Denise Gabuzda, d.gabuzda@ucc.ie)
DATE	July 6-10, 2020
NO. OF PARTICIPANTS	160
TOTAL EVENT COST	€48,700 (estimated in consultation with University College Cork Conference Office)
RADIONET SUPPORT	€11,220
OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDING	Failte Ireland (Irish Tourist Board, will sponsor Welcome Reception)
REQUEST <i>(max. 2 pages)</i>	
Short abstract of the event	The 15th European VLBI Network (EVN) Symposium and Users Meeting will be jointly hosted by the Dublin Institute for Advanced Studies (DIAS) and University College Cork (UCC). The meeting will take place on July 6-10, 2020 on the campus of University College Cork, within walking distance of Cork city centre. This biennial meeting is the main forum for presentation and discussion of the latest scientific results in Very Long Baseline Interferometry, as well as a variety of technical and technological developments within the EVN member countries. The format will be the same as past EVN Symposia, with most of the time spent on scientific and technical presentations, but time also allocated for the User's Meeting. Rooms for unscheduled small group discussions will also be available. A wide range of topics will be included in the programme: Active Galactic Nuclei and their jets, starburst galaxies, extragalactic masers, supernovae, stellar evolution, stellar masers, transient sources, pulsars, astrometric, geodetic & space applications, VLBI technology developments, user feedback, and current and future VLBI facilities and international cooperation.
Relevance for RadioNet	Most of the scientific results and technical studies presented at the 15 th EVN Symposium will be directly related to RadioNet facilities, such as the EVN, eMERLIN, NOEMA, and LOFAR. Other scientific results or technical topics will be associated with other closely related radio-interferometry arrays around the world, such as the VLA, VLBA, East Asian VLBI Network, Korean VLBI Network, and VERA, as well as developing VLBI arrays in Africa. Results from non-Radionet facilities presented at the EVN Symposium will play an important role by helping to ensure good connections and synergy between radio astronomy research and technical developments in Europe and in other parts of the world.
Impact on RadioNet	RadioNet aims to foster a sustainable research environment. The EVN Symposium plays a key role in this regard by providing a forum for scientific researchers and technical workers using RadioNet and other related facilities to present their work and share ideas about how to make the best use of these facilities and develop them into the future. Not only is this beneficial for the individual participants, but it also helps foster a welcoming, supportive and inclusive environment for members of the RadioNet

	<p>community.</p> <p>This is particularly important for young researchers and technicians, or those coming into radio astronomy part-way through their careers. The EVN symposium offers excellent opportunities for young scientists, engineers and technicians to gain experience in communicating their results and in informal networking in a supportive and inclusive conference environment. This is clearly of great benefit both to the individual participants and to the RadioNet community as a whole.</p> <p>The presentation of results on a large range of topics in modern radio astronomy in a single symposium will help support RadioNet's goal of stimulating and promoting collaborations and cross-fertilization between different areas of astrophysics.</p> <p>The inclusion of results from non-Radionet facilities in the EVN Symposium will help to ensure good connections and synergy between radio astronomy research and technical developments in Europe and in other parts of the world; this will ensure that RadioNet researchers, engineers and technicians are fully aware of methods and techniques being developed elsewhere, which will be of great benefit to the RadioNet community.</p>
Use of the RadioNet contribution	<p>1) Coffee/tea breaks and lunch provided by University College Cork catering, assuming 160 participants:</p> <p>Morning break – tea, coffee, pastries: €3.80 per person X 160 X 5 days = €3040 Afternoon break – tea, coffee, biscuits: €3.50 per person X 160 X 3 days = €1680 Total for catering: €4720</p> <p>2) We also request funding for financial support for participants with limited financial resources. This will be used to waive the registration fees for approximately 20 applicants with limited resources, and also provide additional travel grants for approximately 5 applicants in the greatest financial need. The exact allocation of the travel grants will depend on the requests received, but the amount requested is based initially on the following scenario (assuming a registration fee of €250):</p> <p>Waiver of registration fee for 20 applicants: €250 X 20 = €5000 Additional travel grants for applicants in greatest financial need: €250 X 5 = €1500 Total for financial support of applicants in financial need: €6500</p> <p>Total requested from RadioNet: €11,220</p> <p>This RadioNet grant would enable us to charge a registration fee of about €250. We are keen to keep the registration fee as low as possible, to avoid the introduction of financial barriers to potential participants.</p>
Ethics	<p>We are aiming to have roughly 50% women and men on the Local Organising Committee. We will also ensure that the proportion of women giving talks/posters is broadly in agreement with the proportion applying to give talks/posters, and as close as possible to 50%. Finally, we will ensure that we have roughly equal numbers of male and female session chairs.</p> <p>In addition, we will aim to ensure that the speakers chosen for talks and the session chairs are representative of the range of nationalities and ethnic origins of the participants.</p>
<p>Privacy Policy: With signing this template and applying for RadioNet funding, I accept the <u>Privacy Policy of RadioNet</u>, which is based on the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).</p> <p>Place & Date: Signature of the applicant:</p> <p>31 Fitzwilliam Place, Dublin, 28/06/2019 </p>	