



APPOINTMENTS

ANTONIO MASIERO ELECTED PRESIDENT OF ApPEC

Antonio Masiero, Vice President of INFN, a theoretical physicist and professor at the University of Padua, has been elected president of ApPEC (Astroparticle Physics European Consortium), the consortium

formed by European agencies funding astroparticle physics in individual countries, with the primary objective of promoting and facilitating cooperation in this field at the European level. Representatives of the 13 member countries of the consortium also elected Job de Kleuver from the Dutch institute FOM International Affairs and Large Scale Facilities to the position of General Secretary. Masiero and de Kleuver will take office on 1 January 2017, succeeding respectively Frank Linde (from Nikhef, Holland) and Thomas Berghöfer (from DESY, Germany), at the end of their term.

Astroparticle physics, a combination of particle physics, cosmology and astrophysics, is a relatively new and rapidly growing research field. With experiments in underground and underwater laboratories, extensive networks of ground-based telescopes, as well as detectors in space, Europe is taking on increasingly exciting challenges, with the aim of studying the most elusive particles and revealing the darkest mysteries on the structure of the universe. ■