

**RESEARCHERS****INFN HIRES 73 NEW RESEARCHERS**

The INFN Directors Board has closed the year 2017 with a special session devoted to the approval of the list of winners of the competition for 73 new researchers positions, provided through the Italian Stability Law approved in 2015: a formal act which lays down the go-ahead to the next hiring. The new INFN researchers, 58 experimental physicists and 15 theoretical ones, will represent an overall increase of approximately 12% of the institute's permanent researchers. About 30% of the winners currently hold job positions outside the national borders and 7 researchers have a foreign passport.

1082 participation requests were addressed to INFN for the two competitions, one for theoretical physicists and the second for experimental ones, and 733 candidates took part in the selection (557 men and 176 women). The average age of the 73 winners's, among whom are 7 women, is around 33 years. Together with the 7 winners with a foreign passport (from Belgium, Georgia, Germany, Netherlands, Russia, Spain and Thailand) the Italians currently employed abroad (17) represent a third of the successful candidates. The new researchers will be free to choose the INFN division where they'll be assigned, without any constraint on the place or research project. ■