



"Aspen" Meeting (GWADW) 2001 and 2002

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This talk

- Report on GWADW 2001
 - » Look at <http://www.ligo.caltech.edu/~veronica/Aspen2001/>
 - » Advanced detectors focus
 - » Astrophysics sessions
- Possibilities for 2002 and/or 2003
 - » Aspen
 - » Europe



68 Participants – A maximum attendance

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Program

- All of the usual topics on advanced detectors were covered
- Need to include astrophysics advice in design of future interferometers motivated special overlap sessions with Aspen Astrophysics workshop
 - » Very successful
 - » One time only experiment
- Public Lecture on black holes by Tom Prince
- Most talks were posted rapidly on LIGO website



For 2002 or 2003

- GWIC has agreed to a rotation in which every ~3 years the Aspen meeting is held in Europe.
- 1999 meeting was held during a Moriond conference
 - » Feedback to me was this was less successful than it might have been due to low profile in existing Moriond program
 - » Feedback suggests another European host setting
- 2002 would be a third year
- High level of GEO-LIGO-Virgo collaborative discussions argues for a European setting for 2002 or 2003



Options

- Aspen Center for Physics has reserved either the week of January 20 – 26, 2002 or February 3 – 9, 2002 for the GWADW meeting
 - » Firm commitment must be made within weeks
 - Discussions with EGO/Virgo leadership earlier this year explored venues in Italy and France
 - » Elba, Erice, Cargese, Les Houches,...
 - » Each has established infrastructure
 - Can we promptly commit to one of these for 2002?
 - Shall we agree that one of these will be selected for 2003?
- A European venue would support growing collaboration!**