

# Last news of Virgo

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For the Virgo Collaboration

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- 1) Association of the Radboud/Nijmegen Group
  - First MoA approved by the VSC : April 18th 2012
  - Endorsed by the EGO Council : June 21st 2012
  - Final MoA approval : in progress, current March
- 2) New spokesperson
  - First round for pre-selection : current Februar, 6 candidates
  - Vote on April 16th
- 3) Workshop on squeezing : June 18th
  - How to organize an R&D effort
  - What is needed for implementation in AdV ?
- 4) VESF
  - New charter to be approved by the VSC
- 5) VEB (since last VW)
  - 4 papers published
  - 8 papers approved



## Relations with the LSC

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- 1) BIC
  - The initial policy document chaired by Sathyaprakash has been amended after discussion. Last version circulated and to be approved by the VSC
- 2) MOU renewal
  - 1 year negotiations (since May 2012)
  - Team : Gaby & JY + Astone, Christensen, Fidecaro, Frey, Gemme, Lazzarini, Losurdo, Mours, Papa, Shoemaker, Van Den Brand
  - F2F meetings : Warsaw, Amsterdam, Chicago, Hannover
  - Approved by the VSC and by the EGO Council (Dec 2013)
  - Signature ceremony : tomorrow...

- 1) EM Follow up program
  - Team : Chassande-Mottin & Eikenberry + Boer, Branchesi, Fairhurst, Gehrels, Groot, Shawhan
  - Meetings at Amsterdam (Aug. 29th,30th) & Chicago (Sept. 10th, 11th)
  - Huge work of the team for preparing MOU template and call for MOUs
  - 64 applications coming from the wide world
  - 61 eligible, circulated and to be approved by the VSC
  
- 2) Applications for European funds
  - In the APPEC framework (EGWII, Punturo)
  - In the e-Infrastructure framework (Horizon2020 , Allen)
  
- 3) KAGRA
  - Invitation of JYV at the KAGRA week (Kashiwa, Feb. 12th – 15th)
  - See Flaminio's presentation this afternoon