

## **SUMMARY SCIENTIFIC STRATEGIC MEETING APRIL 15, 2015, GALILEO GALILEI INSTITUTE, FLORENCE**

Meeting takes place with the Core Group Members of the Action, with the exception of Profs. Roberto Emparan (WG3 Leader), Michela Petrini (WG2 Leader) and Stefan Vandoren (Financial Rapporteur). Prof. Jan de Boer (WG3 vice-Leader) substitutes Prof. Roberto Emparan as WG3 representative.

### **1. BUDGET PLAN FOR GRANT PERIOD 3 (JUNE 1, 2015 TO APRIL 30, 2016):**

The Chair of the Action presents the budget plan for grant period 3, to be sent to MC for approval in the following days.

### **2. REPORT ON FINANCIAL SITUATION:**

The Chair informs that there are about 11KE left from the budget for Grant Period 2 (June 2, 2014 to May 31, 2015). It is decided to use 5KE to fund the Workshop "Gauge/Gravity Duality 2015", taking place at the Galileo Galilei Institute in April 13-17, 2015. It is decided that the remaining 6KE approx will be used as tokens for conferences taking place in May 2015, proposed by Action members.

### **3. DECISION FOR THE DATES FOR THE FINAL CONFERENCE IN MILANO:**

It is decided that the final conference, to be held in Milano in 2017, takes place during the week 20-25 February.

### **4. STRATEGIC PLANS FOR THE FUTURE. COST: WHAT'S NEXT:**

Different scenarios for the continuation of the networking activities taking place under the COST Action are discussed. One scenario is that the current collaboration splits into smaller collaborations with more focused projects, built around ITN proposals. Another possibility is that the current collaboration continues in the form of a new COST Action with different focus and led by different people.