

Re: GR17 report

Source: <http://sci.tech-archive.net/Archive/sci.physics/2004-07/5451.html>

From: Uncle Al (UncleAl0_at_hate.spam.net)

Date: 07/18/04

Date: Sat, 17 Jul 2004 19:18:53 -0500

davidoff404 wrote:

>

> *Conference season is upon us once again and the big one this year is*
> *undoubtedly GR17, due to start in Dublin next Sunday. The list of*
> *plenary talks looks particularly strong, with most of the main areas of*
> *research receiving very good coverage. Of special note are Barish's*
> *outline of recent results from gravitational wave detectors, a review of*
> *recent results in mathematical relativity by Piotr Chrusciel, a*
> *discussion of the holographic principle by Don Marolf, and reviews of*
> *the current state of play in numerical relativity and LQG by Miguel*
> *Alcubierre and John Baez, respectively. There's also the small matter of*
> *Hawking's commentary on black hole information loss, which is garnering*
> *impressive media attention in the UK and Ireland at the moment.*

>

> *Assuming I have internet access available to me, I'll try to post a*
> *daily review of the plenary lectures on sci.physics*, as well as a*
> *selection of the most interesting poster sessions and contributed talks.*
> *If time permits, I'll try to give an account of this year's public*
> *lectures "Probing the Universe and Black Holes with Gravitational Waves"*
> *by Prof. Kip Thorne and "Fashion, Faith, and Fantasy in Modern Physical*
> *Theories" by Sir Roger Penrose. (In case you're interested in seeing a*
> *webcast of a recent version of Penrose's lecture, I've included links to*
> *it at the bottom. Beware: there's over three hours of video there.)*

>

> *Anyway, I've just arrived in Dublin, the weather's good and the Guinness*
> *is even better. To while away the time tomorrow I'm going to watch a*
> *football game in Croke Park before registering for the conference,*
> *assuming my head isn't too sore. Should be an interesting week.*

Kew!! Thorne is either hot spit with LIGO, or the greatest humbug of the past 100 years. That is why we do science, to find out.

If you need a good laugh and there is no drying