# *ASPERA/ApPEC from the point of view of a smaller country (CROATIA)*

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Personal view on:

- How and why HRZZ joined ASPERA
- Opportunities
- Impact of ASPERA & HRZZ on ApP in Croatia

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# *The key events (2010) => Opportunities*

- ASPERA National Day in Croatia (May 2010)

Ap & P in Croatia: 1) Recognition
2) Getting Organized

- Employment of ASPERA officer at HRZZ

Lea Perinić

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Dr. Thomas Berghöfer
ASPERA-2 Coordinator

# *ASPERA&HRZZ*
# *What have ~~the Romans~~ ever done for us*

## Astroparticle & Particle Community

- **HRZZ helped membership in ApP collaborations (Auger, MAGIC, CTA)**
- **Better recognition of the ApP field in Croatia**
- **Impact on wider community (Ap & Particle, theory & experiment)**
- **Impact on organization of the Ap & Particle Community in Croatia**
- **Organizational activities (first meeting in Dec 2010, preparation of Roadmap, new meeting soon)**

# HRZZ partnership in ApPEC --new important push for our Ap & P community)-- work on Action plan (October 2012) HRZZ&ApP community

# *Impact of ASPERA on HRZZ, Opportunities*

- establishing/deepening cooperation with other agencies (e.g. bilateral calls for proposals, transfer of knowledge and know-how in evaluation procedures)
- possible future partnerships in other EU projects
- Common calls

# *Conclusions*

- HRZZ partnership in ASPERA/ApPEC crucial for start and development of ApP
- Important factors: Close collaboration between scientific community and HRZZ (National Day!); Employment of ASPERA officer at HRZZ
- Impact on both sci. community and on agency (HRZZ)
- ASPERA experience with Croatia may be of more general interest