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EuroScience Open Forum (ESOF)

Manchester 24-28 July 2016

About ESOF

- Founded by EuroScience – a Strasbourg-based “grassroots” researcher group
 - CERN, INFN, ESA are EuroScience members, with about 2700 individuals
- ESOF designed as major conference covering the full range of sciences, as well as science-business, and careers
 - Europe’s attempt to replicate the AAAS?
- Biennial, hosted by different cities
 - Stockholm ‘04, Munich ‘06, Barcelona ‘08, Torino ‘10, Dublin ‘12, Copenhagen ‘12, Toulouse ‘18
- About 4,500 attendees



Physics at ESOF

- Complicated bidding process for proposals
 - EC and hosting University (Manchester) appear to have favoured treatment
- Only one particle physics talk as part of much wider session
 - Claire Lee, Research Associate at Brookhaven/ATLAS
 - CERN's Giovanni Anelli also a speaker on tech transfer
- Session on SESAME, and several on radio-astronomy
- My favourite session:
 - Proustime: thinking time with Marcel Proust



Do we care?

- ESOF organisation is an issue
 - No common process or system across the various host cities
- Manchester was an interesting choice as host
 - City not a known tourist attraction
- Toulouse in 2018 likely to attract more, better speakers and attendees
 - It will be warmer too!
- Policy question for EPPCN:
 - If we care about these events, should we coordinate bids to ensure particle physics etc is on the programme?





Questions