

Welcome to EFTF-2014 in Neuchâtel

We are delighted to welcome you to the 2014 edition of the European Frequency and Time Forum (EFTF), being held in Neuchâtel, Switzerland from June 23-26, 2014. This edition marks the 28th in a series of successful meetings that started in 1987. After more than ten years, the Forum returns to one of its two founding cities, in a region with old and strong tradition in precision manufacturing and timekeeping. The different tutorials, technical sessions, keynote presentations, invited speakers, exhibits and a newly-introduced post deadline session will cover the many aspects of the very active field of Time & Frequency.

As usual, three Committees, that we have the honour to chair, have joined their efforts to organise the event: the Local Organising Committee (LOC), the Scientific Committee (SC) and the Executive Committee.

The **Local Organising Committee** of EFTF-2014 includes representatives from the University of Neuchâtel, Spectratime Orolia, Fondation Suisse pour la Recherche en Microtechnique (FSRM) and the Centre Suisse d'Electronique et de Microtechnique (CSEM). We acknowledge also the strong support from the numerous institutional and industrial sponsors that is essential for an event that will gather over 300 persons around scientific, social and friendly meetings during the whole week.

The **Scientific Committee** of EFTF-2014 is glad to propose a rich scientific program resulting from the record number of 318 submitted abstracts. The schedule includes three parallel sessions of lectures (approximately 90 talks in 24 sessions), a poster session every day and a short presentation from each exhibitor on Thursday morning. This year, the Wednesday morning plenary talks will be given by Prof. Serge Haroche (ENS, Paris, and Nobel Prize in Physics in 2012) and Dr. John Kitching (NIST, Boulder, chip-scale atomic devices). The student poster finalists will be displayed during the whole duration of the conference. We are indebted to all the members of the SC and in particular the six group chairs: Emmanuel Defay, Jean-Pierre Aubry, Krzysztof Szymaniec, Leo Reindl, Pierre Waller and Sébastien Bize.

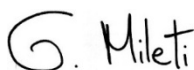
The **Executive Committee** of EFTF is very pleased that scientists, students and professionals meet once more and take this unique opportunity to learn, to exchange and to present their latest scientific and technological achievements to the community. We are particularly grateful to our members who organised the tutorials (Jeremy Everard), the EFTF awards (Noël Dimarcq), the exhibits (Wolfgang Schäfer) and to the sponsors having allowed also this year a strong student travel support program. We are also pleased that EFTF represents an occasion for several other committees, working groups and project consortia, from CCTF, EURAMET, ESA, and other organisations, to convene in splinter and satellite meetings.

We would like to wish you a motivating and inspiring forum.

Kind regards,



Steve Lecomte
Chairman of the EFTF-2014 LOC



Gaetano Mileti
Chairman of the EFTF-2014 SC



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