# **2nd ET GENERAL WORKSHOP**

Wednesday, 14 October 2009 - Friday, 16 October 2009

**Ettore Majorana Foundation** 

## **Scientific Programme**

The second annual ET workshop will be composed by four main sessions, related to the scientific working groups realizing the ET scientific team; WP1 (site and infrastructures of a third generation gravitational wave observatory), WP2 (suspensions and thermal noises), WP3 (topologies and geometries) and WP4 (Astrophysics).

The aim of this central ET meeting is to define the baseline options of the ET conceptual design, to assess the science goals of a 3rd generation gravitational wave detector, to form the core of the team that in the remaining months of activity will effectively realize the design.

A round table will be organized with the scientists coming from US and Japan to discuss the perspectives of the 3rd generation of GW observatories, its relation with the advanced detectors in US and Europe and its synergy with the space GW detectors.

Wednesday, 14 October 2009 Afternoon: Opening Session WP4: Astrophysics Issues Thursday, 15 October 2009 Morning: WP2: Suspensions and thermal noise Round table Afternoon: WP3: Topology, Geometry, Optics Social Dinner Friday, 16 October 2009 Morning: WP1: Site and Infrastructures Closing session

#### **WP1: Site and Infrastructures**

Studies for the identification of the site requirements and infrastructures design

#### **WP2: Suspensions and Thermal noises**

Studies to reduce the seismic and thermal noises in 3rd generation GW observatories

### **WP3: Topology, Geometry and Optics**

Topologies studies, possible geometries and optical requirements

#### **WP4: Astrophysics**

Astrophysics, science case, potentialities of a 3rd generation GW observatory