

Appointment of Joe Giaime as Head of the Livingston Observatory

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Dear Colleague,

I am pleased to let you know that Caltech intends to appoint Joe Giaime as the Head of the LIGO Livingston Observatory. The formal appointment will be made in the very near future once some administrative details have been worked out.

As you know, Joe has served as the Chief Scientist of the Livingston Observatory for several years and will bring a wealth of experience to the position. Joe is an experienced gravitational wave scientist with a deep understanding of the interferometer. I am looking forward to working with Joe in his new position with LIGO and have complete confidence that he will do a great job in leading the Livingston observatory and its programs.

I also want to thank Mike Zucker for the terrific job he has done during the past 3 years in guiding the Livingston Observatory to the point where the interferometer is now operating at design sensitivity with a good duty cycle, and the staff morale is high with the staff looking ahead to future upgrades. Mike has also led the successful education and outreach program including the development of the Science Education Center that will open in November. I am extremely appreciative of Mike's many contributions at Livingston and I'm looking forward to his continuing contributions to LIGO. Thanks Mike.....jay