

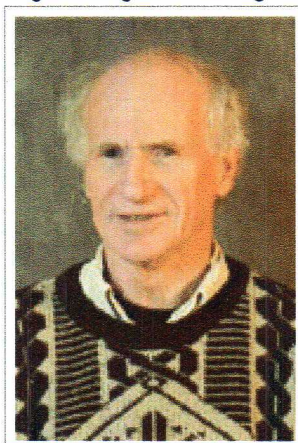
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## 16th Kingston Theoretical Astrophysics Meeting

The 16th "Kingston" meeting was held recently in, hold your breath, Kingston. While this may seem obvious the "Kingston" series of meetings on theoretical astrophysics are not always held in Kingston. The series got its name after the location of the original "Kingston" meeting.



This meeting was special as it celebrated the 65th birthday of Professor Richard Hendriksen, a preeminent theoretical researcher from Queens University. This year there were 68 attendees, with one person who made it over the pond from Leiden (Netherlands).

The Wednesday of the conference was humourously dubbed "Henriksen Fest" and all the presenters were able to highlight contributions made by Dick to their respective fields. Jim Stone got things going with the first keynote session and did an admirable job as session chair for the morning.

Excellent presentations by Shantanu Basu, Ralph Pudritz (keynote) and Peter Martin filled up the rest of the morning. As part of a surprise for Dick Henriksen, Alan Bridle was present for the afternoon session and the banquet in the evening. The final event of the afternoon was a special lecture by Dick on when we can expect scale invariance.

The banquet was attended by over 70 people, with friends and colleagues from throughout Dick's career attending. Larry Widrow was an informal master of ceremonies and a series of roasts were gleefully given. The evening was broadly divided into Dick's career at Queen's and his involvement in the founding and running of CITA. Both Dave Hanes and Alan Bridle recounted stories of some of Dick's less well considered ideas at Queen's (spending the winter on a wooden boat on Lake Ontario being one of them!) Peter Martin and Dick Bond then followed-up with stories from the annals of CITA. Following some impromptu congratulatory remarks from former students and colleagues, Stephane Courteau presented the "Henriksen Love Fest 2006", a series of slides reflecting on Dick's lighter side and the evening was concluded with the presentation of a series of gifts, including a new chainsaw for Dick to wreak havoc on his land!

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