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Dear Colleagues,

I am very pleased to inform you that, according to the decision of the Prize Award Committee, confirmed by the Council of the Italian Physical Society in its meeting of July 19th,

the 2015 "Enrico Fermi" Prize of the Italian Physical Society has been jointly awarded to Toshiki TAJIMA and Diederik S. WIERSMA for their innovative and high-impact contributions to the study of phenomena dealing with the interaction of light with matter and particles.

In particular to:

- *Toshiki TAJIMA for the invention of the laser-wakefield-acceleration technique which led to a large number of fundamental and interdisciplinary applications ranging from accelerator science to plasma physics and astrophysics;*
- *Diederik S. WIERSMA, for the first observation of Anderson localisation and of anomalous transport phenomena described by Lévy statistics in the framework of his highly original research on light propagation in disordered media.*

The awarding will take place on Monday, September 21st during the Opening Ceremony (starting at 9.00 a.m.) of the 101st National Congress of the Italian Physical Society in Rome, Italy, in CNR Headquarters, Aula Convegna, P.le A. Moro 7.

After the awarding, both winners will be required to give a brief presentation (of about 10 minutes) of their main achievements related to the prize-awarded work.

A concise program of the Congress can be found at this link: <http://www.sif.it/attivita/congresso/101>

The Italian Physical Society will offer you board and lodging for the day(s) you will remain in Rome. Please contact SIF Secretariat concerning the details of the present invitation.

Looking forward to seeing you in Rome, with my warmest personal congratulations,

Luisa Cifarelli
President
Italian Physical Society