

AC2 International Commission on General Relativity and Gravitation:

The AC2 has instituted two new thesis prizes to be awarded at successive triennial conferences. One, for the best thesis in mathematical or numerical relativity, is to be named in honour of the past president, Prof. Jürgen Ehler, and is sponsored by Springer. The other award is for the best thesis in the broad area of quantum gravity, named after Profs. Peter Bergmann (past president) and John Wheeler. Negotiations for sponsorships are at an advanced stage.

Next AC2 meeting will be held at the GR19 conference in Mexico in July 2009. Members had won several prestigious prizes. The Society's journal is thriving: a special number on dark energy was a particular success.

There have been communication problems with the submission of request for the funding of the Amaldi conference. IUPAP computer system seems to have failed to capture the submitted application. Since this was the responsibility of previous admin, council is requested to give special consideration to fund the Amaldi conference