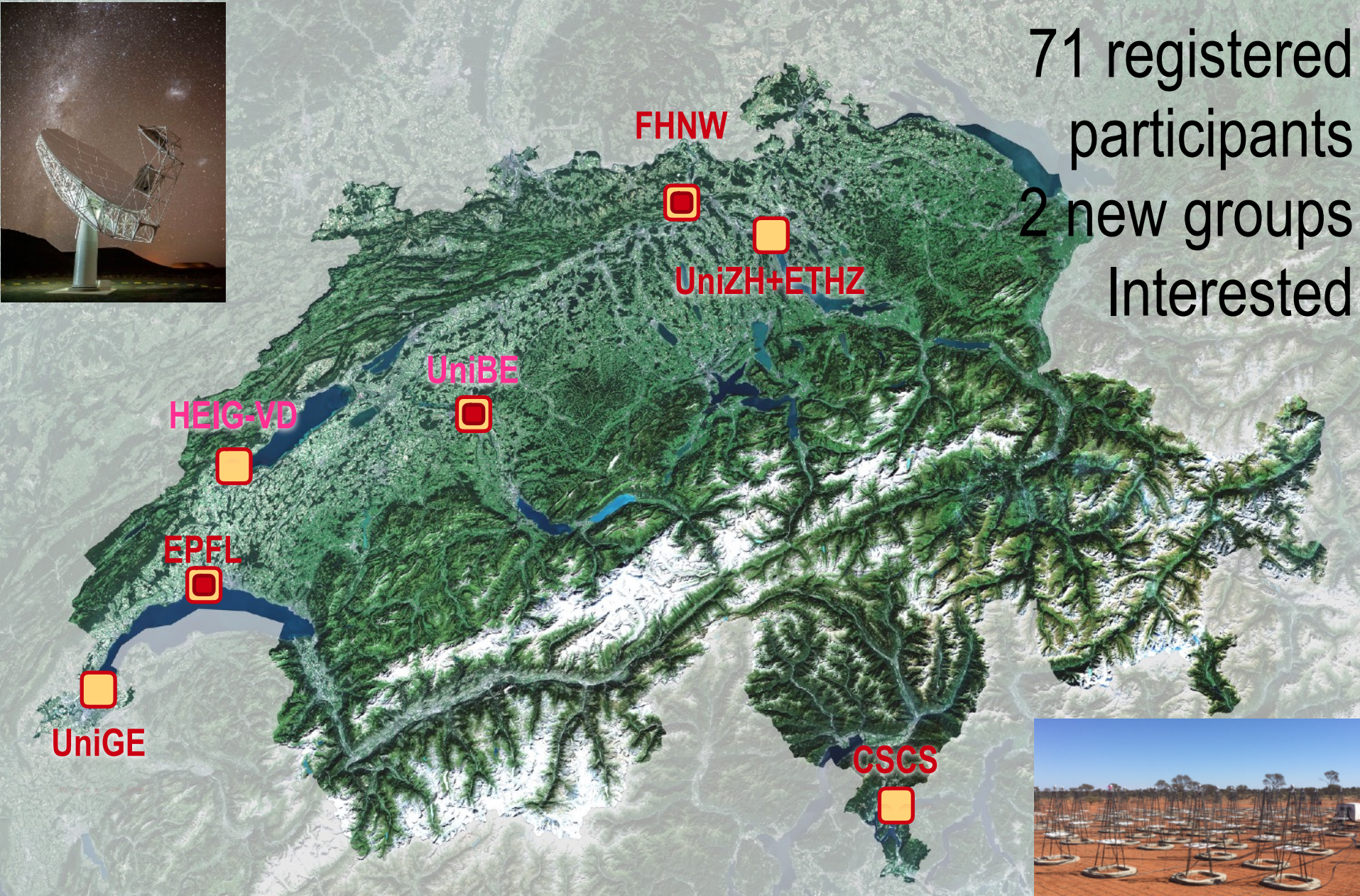


Welcome to the Swiss SKA days #4

Jean-Paul Kneib
On behalf of the Swiss-SKA Board



71 registered
participants
2 new groups
Interested



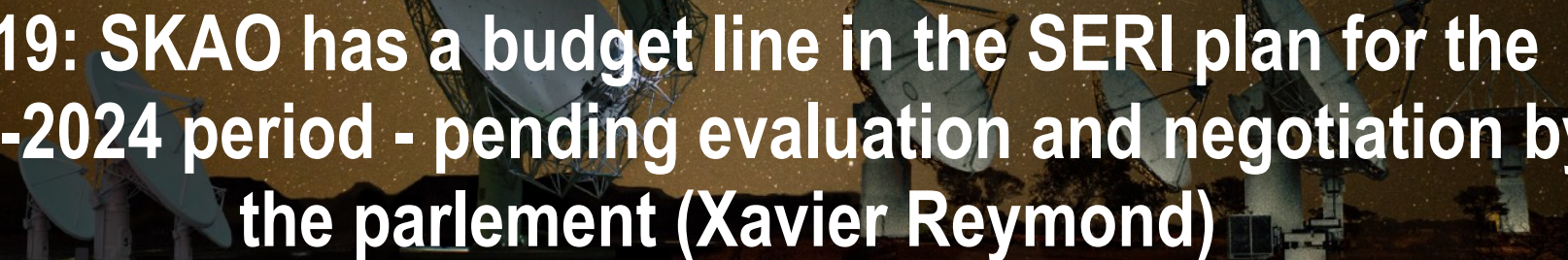
Following the previous Swiss SKA day(s)

Oct. 2016: Switzerland has SKA observer status

2018: SKA top ranked large infrastructure by the Swiss Commission For Astronomy

March 12, 2019: Signature of the treaty creating the SKA Observatory International Governmental Organisation

2019: SKAO has a budget line in the SERI plan for the 2021-2024 period - pending evaluation and negotiation by the parlement (Xavier Reymond)

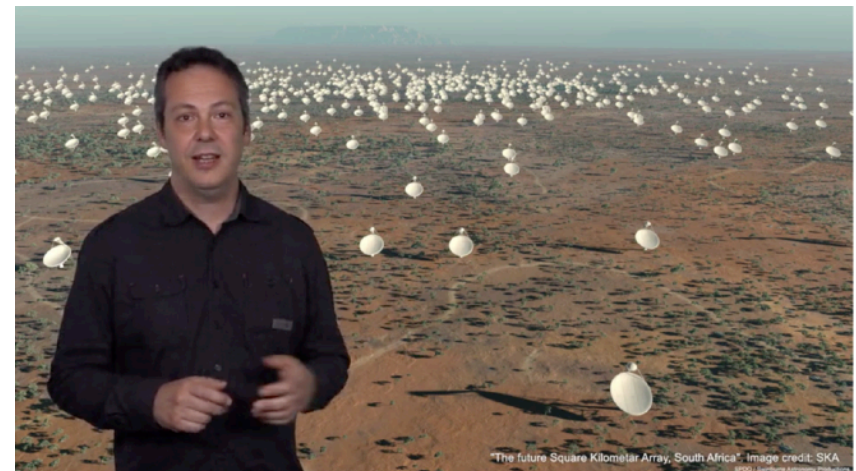
A photograph of the SKA radio telescope array is positioned at the bottom of the slide. It shows several large, white, parabolic dish antennas mounted on metal structures in a desert-like environment under a dark sky.

EPFL Outline of the Meeting

- News from SKA Observatory
- News from *Meerkat and HIRAX*
- News from **SKA in China**
- **2nd Industry Session**
- Report on Swiss SKA development: Astro & Data Science



- **EPFL+ETHZ+UniGe** joined the HIRAX project - with funding from SNF/FLARE
- EPFL hired **Ugo Varetto** as Director of SCITAS its HPC center (formerly at the Pawsey Supercomputer center in Perth)
- EPFL/South-Africa **Radio-Astronomy MOOC** almost completed (end of 2019)



- Today/Tomorrow: Standing Lunch + Coffee Break
- Today: Standing Dinner [6-8pm]
- Lunch and Dinner in the ExW building
- WIFI connection:
 - *eduroam*
 - *public-unibe network*
 - *Open browser «Welcome to Uni. of Bern Public Wireless LAN»*
 - *Request temporary access code by SMS with code: **ncxg-wsm***
 - *You will receive a SMS with the login code*

- Check: ska.epfl.ch for the up-to-date program
- Slides will be posted on ska.epfl.ch, please share your presentation **now** rather than later (USB key will be circulated).
- Only **plenary sessions**
- *Room to work available on the second floor: #215*



12 Mars 2019 ... start of the SKAO