This year's Dirac Medals awarded by the International Centre for Theoretical Physics (ICTP), Trieste, have been awarded to Jeffrey Goldstone (MIT) for 'his fundamental clarification of the phenomenon of spontaneous symmetry violation in relativistic field theory', and to Stanley Mandelstam (Berkeley) for his analytic formulation of scattering amplitudes and for his seminal work on the quantization of string theories.

Earlier this year, Sidney Coleman of Harvard received from ICTP Director Abdus Salam the Dirac Medal he was awarded in 1990 (when the other recipient was L.D. Faddeev of Moscow). At the same ceremony, a special ICTP Medal was awarded to Claudio Villi in recognition of his contribution to the development of scientific activities at the Trieste institutes. From 1970-75 he was President of the Italian INFN, and from 1977 has been President of the Consortium for Physics of the University of Trieste