

# IAU EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 103 Minutes

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ROME

## Participants

### Executive Committee Members:

- Ewine van Dishoeck, President (Netherlands)
- Debra Elmegreen, President Elect (USA)
- Teresa Lago, General Secretary (Portugal)
- Ian Robson, Assistant General Secretary (UK)
- John Hearnshaw, Vice-President (New Zealand)
- Ajit Kembhavi, Vice-President (India)
- Boris Shustov, Vice-President (Russia)
- Daniela Lazzaro, Vice-President (Brazil)
- Laura Ferrarese, Vice-President (Canada)
- Junichi Watanabe, Vice-President (Japan)

### Advisers:

- Silvia Torres-Peimbert (Past President, Mexico)
- Piero Benvenuti (Past General Secretary, Italy)

### IAU Secretariat:

- Maria Rosaria D'Antonio, Head of Administration (Italy)
- Madeleine Smith-Spanier, Assistant & Database Manager (USA)

### Other participants in part of the meeting:

- Hyesung Kang, Chair of the GA2021 LOC (South Korea)

### Division Presidents:

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| - Daniel Hestroffer (France)                  | Div. A |
| - Michael Burton (UK)                         | Div. B |
| - Richard de Grijs (Vicepresident, Australia) | Div. C |
| - Elena Pian (Italy, videoconference)         | Div. D |
| - Sarah Gibson (USA)                          | Div. E |
| - Gonzalo Tancredi (Uruguay)                  | Div. F |
| - David Soderblom (USA)                       | Div. G |
| - Leonardo Testi (Italy)                      | Div. H |
| - Denis Burgarella (France)                   | Div. J |

Welcome by the President followed by a tour de table presentation.

The Agenda was approved

Executive Committee matters: all actions were carried out

Division Presidents matters:

Approved the following proposals:

- Members may join a 4th Commission if under Division B or C; text to be updated in the Working Rules.
- Solar Eclipses WG changed to Inter-Division E and C WG, with Division E in the lead.
- Impact of Magnetic Activity on Solar and Stellar Environments WG changed to

Inter-Division E-F-G , with Division E in the lead.

- Accepted the proposal of Division F for WG Exoplanets for the Public to collaborate on the IAU100 NameExoWorlds II project.
- Division Presidents to identify scientific highlights during the GA to be included in the GA Newspapers so that the focus can be more science-based.

Division F to prepare a proposal for planet definition guidelines and sent it to the EC, before the 2020 Officer Meeting.

Vice President Portfolios revisited and accepted as proposed before.

The proposed annual intake of new Individual members (change from triennially intake) to take place at the same time as the annual Junior Members was approved. The GS to send a mass mailing and to accordingly update the Working Rules and the information on the IAU webpage.

Divisions, Commissions and WG'S - Division Presidents Reports were presented.

- Astronomy for Equity and Inclusion WG moves to become EC-WG.
- EC would welcome a WG on Pro-Amateur Relations - under Division C.
- Designations WG now has Functional Status.
- Investigate if a message board can be implemented on the webpages for interested Divisions and WG's; JM's to check if this is an interesting tool for them too.

The IAU Mission Policy Rules approved by the EC.

Scientific meetings:

- Agreed that IAU travel grants for Symposia could support junior invited speakers.
- Approved the proposed list of Symposia for 2020.
- GS to ask, in future, for a report from all the Regional Meetings indicating in particular how the IAU travel grants support is used.

Approved the proposal to offer to countries, hosting an IAU symposium for the first time, additional funds to be used for organisational expenses, including invited speakers. This additional support will be offered every year after 2021, to up to two symposia per year.

Kavli Transients meeting in Cape Town will take place in February 2020.

Financial matters:

- Approved the Financial Report on the 2018 Accounts presented by the GS. Because of the very late closing of the GA accounts, the IAU 2018 accounts could only be closed in April, and the Annual Financial Report and External Auditor Report were sent to the FC very late, only at the end of April. The GS to send the National Members the Financial Report, the External Auditor Report and the Report by the Financial

Committee. Also to send the Addendum prepared by the previous GS.

- The proposed Budget for 2019 presented by the GS was approved by EC.

National Members:

The Head of Administration to present to the EC the list of countries which are approaching suspension or terminated status and the annual contributions received from the different countries and categories

Oral report on the Prizes and Grants:

- Gruber Prize 2019 - Press Release on the 2019 Gruber Prize on May 9.
- The selected TGF Fellowship 2019 winners approved by the EC. The GS to inform the winners by May 31 and an Announcement to be published that same day
- PhD Prizes 2018 discussed
- Decided that the same individual may not win both the TGF Fellowship and the PhD Prize in a given year.
- Decided to change the name “non-OECD PhD Prize” to “PhD at-large Prize”.

The list of PhD Prize winners approved by the EC. An Announcement of the PhD winners to be published by June 15.

The GS informed of the Springer’s proposal to include the PhD prize winners as potential Springer Thesis. Decided that the Division Presidents to send Springer the relevant information, after agreement by the selected awardees.

OAD: The EC noted the OAD report.

IAU100: President provided update on IAU100 activities and plans, as well as updated budget.

Fundraising: President to prepare a proposal for fundraising for OAD and IAU in general; the EC agreed on hiring a part-time Leiden based fundraiser for 2020.

OAO: The EC noted the OAO report.

OYA:

The GS reported on the revised Agreement with NASL. The EC noted the OYA report.

GA2024:

The GS informed the EC on the change of partner organisation when the negotiated agreement was ready for signing. The subsequent and unexpected complexity of the agreement revised by South Africa imposes the need to have it analysed by a lawyer expert in international agreements.

Cambridge University Press:

IAU continues with CUP as editor for its proceedings as usual but within the green open-access agreement.

Future EC meetings:

Agreed that EC-104 will take place in Washington D.C., USA, from May 11-14 2020.