

IAU EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING 109

Agenda

Washington, DC, Keck Center, April 24th-27th, 2023

Participants

Executive Committee Members:

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Ewine van Dishoeck (Past President, Advisor; Netherlands)
Teresa Lago (Past General Secretary, Advisor; Portugal)

Secretariat:

Maria Rosaria D'Antonio (Head of Administration)
Madeleine Smith-Spanier (Membership Coordinator and Database Manager)

Division Presidents:

Daniel Hestroffer (France)	- Div. A
Gabriele Giovannini (Italy)	- Div. B
Richard de Grijs (Australia)	- Div. C
Isabelle Grenier (France)	- Div. D
Cristina Mandrini (Argentina)	- Div. E
Antonella Barucci (France;online)	- Div. F
Andrej Prsa (USA)	- Div. G
Monica Rubio (Chile)	- Div. H
Cristina Popescu (VP; UK)	- Div. J

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Tuesday, April 25th, 2023 9:30 – 17:30 EDT at National Academies Keck Center,
500 Fifth St. NW, Washington, DC

9:30 am

1. Welcome by the President (DE) 5 min
2. Approval of the Agenda, review of actions (All) 10 min
Actions from EC107 and 108 have been completed.
3. Membership matters (MSS) 10 min
 - 3.1. Membership update, statistics (MSS) 10 min
 - 3.2. Membership Committee report (chair A. Subramaniam telecon, 10:00-10:15) 15 min
We have just surpassed 1000 Junior Members, 5 years after the category was added.
4. IAU Publications 20 min
 - 4.1. Past Symposia (DW)
 - 4.2. Report on the Publications (DW)
 - 4.3. Status of post meetings reports (DW)
 - 4.4. GA-related Focus Meetings and Transactions (JME)
Three overdue Symposia are still awaiting publication. Conference organizers tend to be the slow part, and need to abide by IAU rules for publishing Symposia (we have a contract with Cambridge U. Press). Transactions for 2018 were never done and have been handed over to the current Officers to complete. Transactions for 2021/22 are underway.

Coffee break 15 min, 10:35 – 10:50

5. Division Presidents matters
 - 5.1. Division Presidents reports (incl. Commissions and WGs reports) (DPs, 7 min each) 80 min
DPs reported on their extensive and impressive activities. Some have online colloquia; some have links for free textbooks.
 - 5.2. Statistics (MSS) 5 min
 - 5.3. Additional DP comments (all) 30 min
DPs would like support for disadvantaged regions on proposal writing; recognition of indigenous cultures; need work on their websites to make them more appealing. Concern about retaining institutional expertise in Divisions; a roadmap for DPs is posted.

12:45 – 13:45 Lunch

13:45 (EC and DPs meet separately)

EC Agenda – 90 min

6. Financial matters
 - 6.1. Accounts and Budget 2022, 2023 (BC)
VOTE: Financial Report 2022 approved
 - 6.2. Accounting and external Auditing, Finance Comm. report (JME, RD)
 - 6.3. Budget Projection for 2023 (BC)
VOTE: Budget projection approved
 - 6.4. National Member dues update (RD)
 - 6.5. National Member categories (DE)
 - 6.6. Donations and fundraising status (DE, WB)

DP Agenda – 90 min

1. PhD, at-large prize winners
2. Functioning of Commissions, WGs
3. Selection of Symposia; Kavli
4. Matters to bring to EC

Break 15 min. 15:15 – 15:30

15:30 Resume (EC + DPs)

7. OYA
 - 7.1. ISYA schools (DW) 5 min
 - 7.2. Report from the SC (DW) 5 min
 - 7.3. Telecon with ISYA director I. Aretzaga/ D. Mota (15:40-16:10) 30 min
The ISYA schools will resume in 2023, in Mexico and South Africa. Archival work on ISYA historical records is being done in Paris.
8. External Organizations
 - 8.1. Report from ISC Meetings (DE) 10 min
Uncertainty lingers about the benefits of the IAU being an ISC member.
 - 8.2. IYBSSD, other relations (WB) 10 min
Discussion about possible reciprocal presence at others' assemblies, such as COSPAR/IAU.
9. Open Discussion 60 min

17:30 Finished; Dinner on your own

Wednesday April 26 9:30 – 17:30 (EC + DPs)
9:30 am

10. OAO

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| 10.1. Report from the SC | (DW) | 5 min |
| 10.2. Telecon with L. Canas | (9:35-10:05) | 30 min |
| 10.3. Press Office/Communication at OAO | (10:05-10:20) | 15 min |

The OAO just completed its 10th anniversary, and reviewed its extensive outreach programs including Telescopes for All, Dark and Quiet Skies, 100 Hours of Astronomy, Women and Girls in Astronomy, Meet the Astronomers! (now expanded to include undergraduate-level lectures), NameExowolds 2022 competition, Communicating Astronomy with the Public (plus the CAP Journal), start of CAP training, and interactions with National Outreach Coordinators (NOCs). OAO will undergo an external review this fall.

11. OAD

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| 11.1. Report from the SC | (DW) | 5 min |
| 11.2. Telecon with K. Govender/V. McBride | (10:30-11:00) | 30 min |

The OAD continues its flagship projects of astrotourism and astronomy & mental health, which have been very successful, adding a new theme of Basic Sciences for Sustainable Development (which is aligned with the IYBSSD) with knowledge and skills in data science.

Some ROADS not so active following COVID disruptions; economic impact affecting ROADS funding locally. ISC and BBC had a video on OAD and astrotourism. Discussing fundraising strategies.

Coffee break 15 min 11:00 – 11:15

12. OAE

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| 12.1. Report from the SC | (DW) | 5 min |
| 12.2. Telecon with M. Possel/C.Liefke | (11:25-11:55) | 30 min |

The OAE completed its successful virtual 4th Shaw-IAU Workshop on teacher training. Shaw funding will continue for this through 2025, with additional money for regional in-person workshops as well. “OAE Reviews” will be collections of materials from the workshops. Centers, Nodes, and NAECs continue to expand and to function effectively. Need to form a community for NAECs. Teacher Training program with Italy Center. “Big Ideas in Astronomy” legacy project now browsable. Translation projects continue. OAE will undergo its first external review this fall.

13. I-HOW telecon with M. Mendez (11:55-12:10) 15 min

The I-HOW in Santiago in fall 2022 on VLTI and with COSPAR in South Africa in Feb. 2023 on X-Ray astronomy were very successful. Turkey will host the 3rd in September on radio astronomy.

14. Scientific meetings 30 min
- 14.1. Regional Meetings, 2023 Symposia (JME)
 Three this year: MEARIM Egypt (Feb.), APRIM Japan (Aug.), LARIM Uruguay (Nov./Dec.)
- 14.2. Symposium Selection 2024 (DW, all)
- 14.2.1. Kavli multidisciplinary symposium (all)
 Symposia ranked by DPs and then by VPs were discussed and finalized, and a vote was taken to select the Kavli-IAU Symposium (which was subsequently approved by the Kavli Foundation).

12:45 – 13:45 lunch

15. Prizes 25 min
- 15.1. TG Fellowship 2023 approval (WB)
 The review process was summarized; there were 38 applicants from 19 countries, and 11 were judged as outstanding.
APPROVED: The EC approved the recommendation of three winners with \$25k each, from India (M), Brazil (F), and Iran (F).

- 15.2. PhD Prizes 2022 approval (DPs)
 DPs presented their winners, and some recommended honorable mentions as well. DPs discussed the selection of the at-large winner.
APPROVED: The EC accepted the recommendations.
 DPs requested a one-time special cross-division prize.
VOTE: One-time cross-division prize approved by the EC.

16. Discussion from DP meeting 30 min
 DPS discussed the possibility of clarifying criteria for future selections of the at-large candidate.
ACTION: DPs should suggested revised wording to EC.

17. Administrative Office matters 20 min
- 17.1. Personnel (JME)
- 17.2. Database, webpages (MSS)

Coffee break 15 min 15:00 – 15:15

15:15 resume

- 17.3 Head of Communication telecon (L. Christensen, 15:15-15:35) 20 min
- 17.4 Telecon with WG Global Coordination chairs
 R. Davies, R. Somerville (15:40-15:50) 10 min

A Kavli-IAU Workshop on Global Coordination has been approved by Kavli for March 26- 28 in Pasadena, CA on far-infrared to millimeter wavelengths, facilities and synergies and is in preparation.

18. Discussion as needed 90 min
 Update of webpages an ongoing and expensive issue. Need a big-picture plan to prioritize IAU activities. Concern about carbon footprint; good to encourage hybrid meetings but still difficult to do hybrid effectively. Provide advice to members about self-plagiarism of abstracts submitted to symposia but already published.

Finish by 17:30

Thursday, April 27th, 9:30 – 14:30 (EC + DPs)

19. Joint Offices and EC telecon 9:35-10:10:20 45 min
Discussed fundraising; perhaps IAU Ambassadors of high-level people to contact and talk with potential donors. Offices would like space in Proceedings to summarize their GA meetings. Try for IAU presence, brochures at other meetings with reciprocal agreements. We're global so should be everywhere if that's a priority.
ACTION: Offices should suggest to EC how many Proceedings pages are needed.
20. Telecons with ECWG chairs and CPS director
- 20.1. WiA chair M. Pommier, co-chair P. Shah 10:25-10:35 10 min
Very active WG with many activities, colloquia, newsletter.
- 20.2. JM chairs Camilo Delgado-Correal, Hannah Stacey 10:40-10:50 10 min
Several activities are planned; presence at Junior Academies in June; AAU meeting in Nov. Summer discourse series.

Coffee break 15 min 10:50 -11:05

- 20.3. EDI chair S. Deustua, co-chair J. Noel-Storr 11:05-11:15 10 min
Reviewing Code of Conduct for suggestions, considering anonymous collection of harassment data.
- 20.4. Pro-am co-chairs A. Sule, T. Spuck 11:20-11:30 10 min
A new website will be implemented soon for professionals to suggest projects and amateurs to sign up to be engaged in them.
- 20.5. CPS Dir. P. Benvenuti/ WG Chair C. Walker 11:35-12:05 30 min
The CPS has just completed its first year, and the Director and co-directors presented a comprehensive overview of its many activities. The EC congratulated them and was extremely impressed with all that has been accomplished in such a short time, with 4 Hubs, hundreds of associates, and monthly UN engagement at UNOOSA meetings.

lunch 40 min 12:05 -12:45

21. Preparation for GA 2024 in South Africa
- 21.1. Report from SA visit (RD, DW) 30 min
- 21.2. Telecon w/ LOC V. McBride, C. Takalani (13:15-13:45) 30 min
- 21.3. Discussion 15 min
Plans are proceeding well for the GA next summer, planned for Aug. 6-15. Hybrid options are being considered. Africa Vision 2024 engaging all in the lead-up.
22. EC110 location – April 2024 - Finland proposed by I. Usoskin 10 min
The EC agreed on Finland for the next EC meeting. DPs will participate remotely.
23. GA2027 agreement 5 min
Underway.
24. AOB 15 min
The EC commended Madeleine Smith-Spanier for almost a decade of excellent service for the IAU as she prepares to depart after June.

Finish by 14:30