

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)
Between
The IAU Office for Astronomy Outreach (OAO)
and
IAU Commission C2, Communicating Astronomy with the Public

Prepared in collaboration with the IAU General Secretary and the President of Division C.

The aim of this MoU is to clarify and enhance the relationship between the IAU Office for Astronomy Outreach (OAO) and IAU Division C Commission C2, Communicating Astronomy with the Public (C2).

Even with different missions the OAO and C2 share some of the same goals, such as to facilitate information sharing among the global community of astronomy communicators and to explore how to communicate astronomy with the public more effectively.

The OAO mission is to coordinate the global astronomy outreach activities of the IAU, which now includes the responsibility for publishing the CAP (Communicating Astronomy with the Public) Journal. CAP Journal was launched by the C2 predecessor, Commission 55, during the run-up to the International Year of Astronomy (IYA) 2009 and was for a few years published under the auspices of C2.

Likewise C2 has organised since 2005 the CAP Conference, an approximately biennial international gathering of astronomy communicators. The OAO and its host institution, the National Astronomical Observatory of Japan (NAOJ), were co-organisers with C2 of the CAP Conference in Fukuoka, Japan, in 2018.

Considering the foregoing, and aiming to exploit further the synergy amongst IAU structures, the undersigned parties agree that:

1. The OAO International Outreach Coordinator (IOC) shall serve as an ex-officio member of the C2 Organising Committee with the voting rights afforded by their category of IAU membership, if applicable.
2. The President of C2 shall participate in a minimum twice-yearly teleconference among the IOC, the OAO Supervising Director (SD) appointed by the NAOJ Director General, and the IAU Assistant General Secretary (AGS) to facilitate the exchange of ideas and information among the IAU OAO, IAU, and C2.
3. The CAP Journal's editorial board shall include the President of C2 or another member of the C2 Organising Committee (OC) — other than the IOC — to ensure regular communication with C2's leadership.

4. The OAO IOC shall serve as co-chair of the C2 CAP Conference Scientific Organising Committee (SOC).
5. Each organisation's website shall mention, and link to, the other's.
6. If C2 establishes a WG that involves an area where the OAO is active, the IOC or another representative from the OAO shall serve as an ex-officio member of that C2 WG OC and, if appropriate, as co-chair of any associated SOC.
7. The OAO shall promote each CAP Conference to the community through the OAO Newsletter, through its network of National Outreach Coordinators (NOCs), and through its social media, mailing lists, and other promotional vehicles.
8. C2 shall promote each new issue of the CAP Journal and the OAO newsletter to its members and Associates.

This MoU is valid from 15 April 2019 through 14 April 2022 and will automatically renew for a second three-year term unless either party informs the other within the 30 days prior to 15 April 2022 that they do not wish to renew.

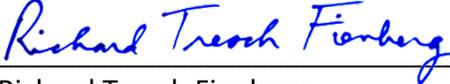
This MoU may be terminated at any time with 30 days' notice by either party.

Where any statement in this MoU conflicts with a statement in the IAU or OAO statutes, bye-laws, or working rules, the relevant IAU or OAO statement takes precedence.

Agreed to this 15th day of April 2019.



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