

Dear A1 Commission member,

Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020

In these troubled and difficult times that I hope do not affect your everyday life too much, we received two very good pieces of news which honor both our fields and our commission.

***Congratulations to Lennart Lindegren and Anthony Brown !!!!!***

Best Regards and good health to everybody,

Jean Souchay

### **1. Lennart Lindegren: winner of the Dirk Brouwer Career Award**

Dr. Lennart Lindegren, member of Commission A1, has received the Dirk Brouwer Career Award which is often considered as the most prestigious distinction in the field of astrometry and celestial mechanics, thus rewarding him to have done such incredible work in these fields, and in particular for his involvement in the Gaia mission. Information can be found on the following page:

[https://www.cosmos.esa.int/web/gaia/news\\_20201020](https://www.cosmos.esa.int/web/gaia/news_20201020)

### **2. Anthony Brown: finalist of the Falling Walls Conference**

The Falling Walls Conference usually takes place each year in Berlin on November 9<sup>th</sup> celebrating the fall of the Berlin wall 31 years ago. It will be completely on-line this year from November 1<sup>st</sup> to November 10<sup>th</sup> because of the COVID pandemic.

<https://falling-walls.com/remote2020/>

Dr. Anthony Brown, member and past president of our commission became a finalist of the Falling Walls Conference 2020 by explaining how our Gaia Mission has revolutionized the fields not only of astrometry, but also of astronomy at all scales.

You can watch a very nice five-minute video of Anthony explaining how Gaia breaks some down some walls, in terms of the knowledge of the Milky Way, on the following web-site :

<https://falling-walls.com/remote2020/finalists/breaking-the-wall-to-studying-the-milky-way/>

