



# Commission A2 Rotation of the Earth International Astronomical Union

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Dear A2 Commission Member:

In our name and on behalf of the Organizing Committee of IAU Commission A2 Rotation of the Earth, we wish you the best for the year 2020.

At the beginning of the New Year, let us provide some information about the latest activities of our Commission.

– Installation of two new Working Groups of the Commission:

- IAU/IAG Joint Working Group Improving Theories and Models of the Earth's Rotation, chaired by José Manuel Ferrándiz (UAVAC Alicante, Spain)
- IAG/IAU/IERS Joint Working Group on the Consistent realization of Terrestrial Reference Frame (TRF), Celestial Reference Frame (CRF), and Earth Orientation Parameters (EOP), chaired by Robert Heinkelmann (GFZ Potsdam, Germany)

– Application for an IAU Symposium lead by the Commission:

- By 15<sup>th</sup> of December 2019, a proposal was submitted to hold an IAU Symposium "Reference systems and their ties with the rotation of the Earth and other Solar System bodies". It shall be part of the [XXXI IAU General Assembly](#) which will take place in Busan (Republic of Korea), August 16 – 27, 2021. The meeting is co-organized with our colleagues from Commission A1 (Astrometry) and the Inter-Division A-F WG Cartographic Coordinates & Rotational Elements. It also counts with the support of other IAU bodies like Division A (Fundamental Astronomy), Commission A3 (Fundamental Standards), etc.

The IAU Executive Committee will select 6 Symposia out of the applications. The result will be known by spring 2020. Let us hope that our proposal will be among the winners.

– Forthcoming meetings:

- Along the year several regular meetings of interest for our Commission are scheduled, among them the General Assemblies of EGU and AGU as well as the Journées.

In particular, we would like to draw your attention to the next EGU2020 which will include the dedicated [Session G3.1: Earth Rotation: Theoretical aspects, observation of temporal variations and physical interpretation](#). The **deadline** for abstract submission is **January 15, 2020**. We hope for several contributions out of our Commission.

Any feedback about the above-mentioned points, or other announcements of interest to our Commission, are very welcome (alberto.escapa@ua.es).

Sincerely

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