



IAU Commission B1
Computational Astrophysics



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Dear IAU CB1 members,

As you may know, later this year we are going to have elections. While the official announcement is still pending, we already can make some preparation.

Current vice-president Christian Boily is ready to serve as a new president, but other vacancies are open. First, we need at least two vice-president candidates. Second, we need to elect new members of the Organizing Committee. As the Commission has now grown to over 300 members, the Organizing Committee can be expanded. So far, it contains six members, including President and Vice-President. Two of them will step down this year, D. Bisikalo after being the President and G. Mellema after serving two terms as the OC member. Four current OC members remain, Ch. Boily as the new President, M. Fujii as a VP candidate, T. Hanawa and D. Wiebe as the OC members.

According to informal IAU rules, the newly elected OC may now contain up to nine members (including President and Vice-President). The number of candidates, of course, can be greater. While the new election is for 2021–2024 term, newly elected members are expected to serve for at least six years.

We encourage you to participate in the elections. If you feel interested in organizing various activities related to computational astrophysics as a vice-president or a member of the CB1 Organizing Committee, please send a brief message to iau.commission.b1@gmail.com, indicating your gender identity (if you wish to do so) and your main scientific interests. We are particularly keen to encourage nominees from currently underrepresented regions such as North and South America, Africa, and China. We want to diversify ourselves to cover wider geographical areas and scientific fields. We also hope that the OC elections will reflect the commission's goal to reach gender balance for the next term.

We expect to receive your responses before March 8th.

Looking forward to hearing from you,
Members of the IAU Commission B1 Organizing Committee