

# Annual Reports 2021

## IAU Commission B2 Data and Documentation

On 17 June 2021, the composition of the new [Division Steering Committees \(DSC\)](#) and [Commission Organizing Committees \(COC\)](#) for the next triennium, resulting from the IAU elections, was announced. Following the XXXI General Assembly Business Sessions of the IAU, the new COC of Commission B2 took office as of September 2021.

The new COC created a Google mailing list for daily information exchange and held an inaugural Virtual Meeting.

After discussions among the COC, Arpad Szomoru was nominated as Commission Secretary.

The renewal of Working Groups was completed in the second half of 2021. Currently, there are 3 Commission WGs and one Inter-Commission WG:

- Commission B2 WG: Designations & Nomenclature
- Commission B2 WG: FITS
- Commission B2 WG: Preservation and Digitization of Photographic Plates
- Inter-Commission B2-B5 WG: Laboratory Astrophysics Data Compilation, Validation and Standardization: from the Laboratory to FAIR Usage in the Astronomical Community

In addition, working closely with the International Virtual Observatory Alliance (IVOA) and IAU Division B, a Functional WG proposal regarding the Virtual Observatory was submitted to the IAU EC. The Division FWG was approved by the EC in October 2021.