

The new IAU Commission: **Radio Astronomy (C.B4)**, will provide a natural extension and growth of the present IAU Commission 40 for Radio Astronomy.

The aim of this new Commission is to bring together scientists and engineers who carry out observational and theoretical research in radio astronomy and who develop and operate the ground and space-based facilities that are used to explore the Universe at radio wavelengths.

The primary purpose of this Commission will be to coordinate the unique role of Radio Astronomy as part of our global multi-wavelength capability in astronomy, taking in consideration the long-term development in this field at the international level.

Starting key goals for the new Commission will be to:

- 1) **Stimulate and support IAU symposia and other international meetings** especially on cross-disciplinary themes where Radio Astronomy can play an important role and that cover more than one facility, e.g. major surveys and science data processing. Promote connection and interchanges among present and future large-scale facilities.
- 2) **Connect Radio Astronomy to informatics and statistics**, provide information on available radio astronomy archives and promote a multi-wavelength approach to the sharing of astronomy data and the scientific importance of combining results from across the electromagnetic spectrum.
- 3) **Foster discussions and share information on topics of current interest to radio-astronomers around the world** and provide up to date information on radio science, data, facilities and techniques. Special attention will be devoted to the new Radio Astronomy windows at ultra-high frequency with ALMA and mm-VLBI, and low frequencies with e.g. LOFAR, ASKAP, MeerKat, MWA and the SKA.
- 4) **Act as an interface between the large number of individuals and groups working in this field and other Commissions, Divisions and the IAU in general.**
- 5) **Encourage membership, broaden participation, and support the development of younger astronomers working or interested in radio astronomy.** This will be done through a forum and/or through support for dedicated meetings. The importance of gender and countries diversity will be properly considered.
- 6) **Provide support to IUCAF and the ITU**, primarily through the appointment of members to IUCAF and by providing web information on these activities on the Commission website.
- 7) **Develop connections and partnerships with the commissions of the IAU working in the areas of outreach and education.** Astronomy in general, and Radio Astronomy in particular, are exciting topics for students and the general public.