

Report of IAU Division C: Astronomy education, outreach and heritage.

Report for the period 15 August 2015 to 31 December 2016.

This report covers activities of IAU Division C since the 2015 General Assembly of the IAU until the end of 2016.

1. Pamela Gay (Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, USA) was appointed secretary of the Division in September 2015. She established a new division website at <http://iaudivc.stemideas.org/>
2. Two unrelated ethical issues concerning alleged professional misconduct of certain Div C members were brought to the Division Steering Committee's attention in September. These were referred to the Executive Committee for resolution. Nevertheless they took up much time from DSC members and gave rise to considerable debate.
3. Div C was asked to support four proposals for 2017 symposia.
 - Cultural astronomy conference: The road to the stars. Juan Antonio Belmonte. Santiago de Compostela, Spain. 18-23 Sept 2017
 - Astrophysical masers. Andrea Tarchi and Mark Reid. Sardinia Italy. 4-8 Sept 2017
 - Space weather of heliosphere. Claire Foullon. Exeter, UK. 17-21 July 2017.
 - Southern horizons in time-domain astronomy. Elizabeth Griffin. Cape Town, S Africa. November 2017.Supporting letters were written. The first of these did not gain IAU symposium support; the other three did.
4. The division was very busy during its first year following the GA in establishing or re-establishing Working Groups. A total of 21 WGs were approved, being five commission WGs associated with Commission C1, five with C.C2, three with C.C3 and six with C.C4. (Six of these commission WGs are inter-commission WGs with other commissions.) There is also one Division WG of Div C and one interdivision WG of divisions C and E.
5. John Hearnshaw, as President of Div C, joined the oversight committee of the IAU Office for Young Astronomers, which is responsible for the International Schools for Young Astronomers. Schools in Tehran Iran in August 2016 and in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia for May 2017 were approved.
6. Hearnshaw participated in the first week of the Tehran ISYA in August 2016 and gave the introductory lecture. He visited amateur astronomers in Isfahan and Shiraz and gave a total of eight lectures. His visit to Iran was sponsored by the IAU EC.
7. Hearnshaw as Division president attended EC98 in Mexico City in May 2016.
8. At the request of the IAU General Secretary, Hearnshaw compiled a spreadsheet of world-wide schools for astronomy students being held over the next three years (2016-18). A total of 42 different schools for tertiary students at a variety of levels was compiled.
9. Hearnshaw and Xiaochun Sun (president C.C3) submitted a proposal for an IAU centenary symposium entitled 'Under One Sky' to be held at the Vienna GA in 2018.
10. Five focus meeting proposals for the Vienna GA were also made with Div C as the coordinating division. These were:
 - K. Govender: Astronomy for Development
 - R. Neuhaeuser: Understanding historical observations to study transient phenomena
 - I. Chinnici: Secchi's scientific legacy: over 150 years of spectral classification
 - T. Mahoney: Kepler's third law: History and scientific legacy

- Sze-leung Cheung: IAU's role on global astronomy outreach, the latest challenges and bridging different communities

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