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*IAU PhD Prize

Each IAU Division has, once a year, the opportunity to award its own prize to the candidate it feels has carried out the most remarkable work in the previous year (i.e. a PhD Thesis which has been defended between the 16 December in the previous year, and 15 December this year). The IAU PhD Prize is open to candidates from any country, regardless of whether the country has IAU National Membership. The objective is to recognize outstanding scientific achievement in astrophysics around the world even at that early stage in the career.

I would like to count on you in informing potential candidates, in your country or institution, of this opportunity since the deadline for applications for the 2020 IAU PhD Prize will be the 15th December. The application form is available here:

<https://www.iau.org/submissions/phd-prize/> . The conditions and details for the application are available on the IAU webpage here: https://www.iau.org/science/grants_prizes/phd_prize/

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*Upcoming Conferences, Meetings, Workshops and Schools

HERMES-SP/TP 1st Scientific Workshop - Astrophysics with CubeSats

November 18-19, 2020

http://www.hermes-sp.eu/?page_id=5214

[Virtual] JINA Horizons

November 30 - December 4, 2020

<https://indico.frib.msu.edu/event/39/>

[Virtual] A precursor view of the SKA sky

March 15-19 2021

Website to follow

1st Vasto Accretion meeting
May 30 - June 5 2021 Vasto, Italy
<http://astro.dur.ac.uk/vam2021/>

*In memoriam

We are sorry to learn of the passing of

Nicolò (Nichi) d'Amico
<https://www.cta-observatory.org/memory-prof-nicolo-damico/>

John Barrow
<https://www.theguardian.com/science/2020/oct/27/john-barrow-obituary>

C, Stuart Bowyer
<https://www.ssl.berkeley.edu/stuart-bowyer-1934-2020/>

Denis O' Sullivan
<https://www.dias.ie/2020/05/12/tribute-to-a-space-research-pioneer/>

João E. Steiner
<https://www.gmto.org/2020/09/in-memoriam-joao-e-steiner/>

If you wish to share with IAU Div D any information about matters that may be relevant to the activities of Div D Members, please send an e-mail to A.L.Watts@uva.nl . This will appear in the next Bulletin, which will be sent out on or around December 1, 2020. Thank you in advance for your inputs, and best regards.

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