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*Message from new Div D President

Dear Division D members,

After the success of the unusual General Assembly that we have shared last week, it is my pleasure to introduce our new division steering committee for this new triennium. I would like to welcome the new members, Andreja Gomboc from Slovenia, Nanda Rea from Spain, and Gustavo Esteban Romero from Argentina, who join the committee for a first term, and to thank Aya Bamba from Japan, Dipankar Bhattacharya from India, and Silvia Zane from the United Kingdom for their renewed participation for a second term. The committee also includes the President of the D1 commission for gravitational wave astrophysics, Peter Sven Shawhan, and the President of the X1 commission for Supermassive Black Holes, Feedback and Galaxy Evolution, Christine Jones, both from the USA.

I would also like to thank outgoing members, Anna Watts and Tadayasu Dotani for their unstinting support during the past six years. We are all deeply grateful for Anna's work as division Secretary and for all the newsletters that she has circulated among us. A new Secretary will be appointed soon to keep this important newsletter alive. I look forward to work with the new division Vice President, Matthew Baring, and with our former President, Elena Pian, to coordinate the division tasks.

I will be honoured to serve the division with the same interdisciplinary and multi-messenger spirit and the same high standards that have prevailed during the triennia led by Chryssa Kouveliotou and Elena Pian. Crossing our knowledge and practices makes the richness of our broad division. In order to reinforce this knowledge circulation, we will shortly explore means like webinars to gather virtually every now and then around science talks. We will also take advantage of two general assemblies during this term, in August 2022 in Busan and in August 2024 in Cape Town. We welcome your ideas to organise exciting division days during these events, in addition to the accompanying symposia. Please do not hesitate to contact me or Matthew Baring with suggestions. With the advent of new facilities that will push back our multi-messenger frontiers, I look forward to working with all of you during this term to share and discuss new discoveries, to meet our young colleagues and PhD students, and to help them develop their research.

With my best wishes for your work and with hopes that we shall all quickly resume normal personal and professional lives and leave the pandemic worries behind us,

Isabelle Grenier

* Office of Astronomy for development newsletter

The IAU OAD has published its latest newsletter for the January to June 2021 period.

<https://www.astro4dev.org/2021/07/30/iau-oad-newsletter-28-january-june-2021/>

Highlights include

- [Call for IAU OAD Fellows](#)
 - Article on the [threat posed by COVID-19 to basic science funding](#)
 - [10 years of Astronomy for Development](#)
 - New partnerships, meeting highlights (with links to recordings), and upcoming events
 - Updates from the IAU and Offices, OAD Regional Offices, and our projects (links to resources and events)
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*Upcoming Conferences, Meetings, Workshops

Kick-off workshop of the Einstein Telescope Observational Science Board

September 21-22, 2021

Online

<https://indico.ego-gw.it/event/240/>

Dawn VI meeting on Next Generation Gravitational Wave Observatories; focus on Cosmic Explorer

October 5-7, 2021

Online

<https://gwic.ligo.org/dawn-6/>

Second Workshop on Astronomy Beyond the Common Senses for Accessibility and Inclusion

November 17-18, 2021

Online

<https://tiny.cc/2wai>

Science at Low Frequencies (SALF) VIII

December 6-9, 2021

Online

<https://salfconference.org/salfviii/>

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 October 1, 2021. Thank you in advance for your inputs, and best regards.

Professor Anna Watts, acting Secretary of IAU Div D Steering Committee

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