

# IAU EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 106 MINUTES

Friday, Aug. 27<sup>th</sup>, 3pm-7 pm CEST (9am-1pm EDT), virtual

## Participants

### *Executive Committee Members:*

- Debra Elmegreen (President; USA)
- Jose Miguel Rodriguez Espinosa (General Secretary; Spain)
- Willy Benz (President-elect; Switzerland)
- Diana Worrall (Assistant General Secretary; UK)
- Daniela Lazzaro (Vice-President, 2<sup>nd</sup> term; Brazil)
- Laura Ferrarese (Vice-President, 2<sup>nd</sup> term; Canada)
- Junichi Watanabe (Vice-President, 2<sup>nd</sup> term Japan)
- Hyesung Kang (Vice-President, incoming, South Korea)
- Solomon Tessema (Vice-President, incoming, Ethiopia)
- Ilya Usoskin (Vice-President, incoming, Finland)
- Ewine van Dishoeck (Past President, Advisor; Netherlands)
- Teresa Lago (Past General Secretary, Advisor; Portugal)

### *Secretariat:*

- Head of Administration: Maria Rosaria D'Antonio
- Database Manager and Assistant: Madeleine Smith-Spanier

### *Division Presidents: (up to coffee break)*

- Daniel Hestroffer (France) - Div. A (continuing)
- Gabriele Giovannini (Italy) - Div. B
- Richard de Grijs (Australia) - Div. C
- Isabelle Grenier (France) - Div. D
- Cristina Mandrini (Argentina) - Div. E
- Maria Barucci (France) - Div. F
- Andrej Prsa (USA) - Div. G
- Monica Rubio (Chile) - Div. H
- Kim-Vy Tran (Australia) - Div. J

### *Outgoing EC: (up to coffee break)*

- John Hearnshaw (Vice-President, "2nd-term"; New Zealand)
- Ajit Kembhavi (Vice-President, 2nd-term; India)
- Boris Shustov (Vice-President, 2nd-term; Russia)
- Silvia Torres-Peimbert (Past President, Advisor; Mexico)
- Piero Benvenuti (Past General Secretary, Advisor; Italy)

### *Outgoing Division Presidents: (up to coffee break)*

- Daniel Hestroffer (France) - Div. A
- Michael Burton (UK) - Div. B
- Susana Deustua (USA) - Div. C
- Elena Pian (Italy) - Div. D
- Sarah Gibson (USA) - Div. E
- Gonzalo Tancredi (Uruguay) - Div. F
- David Soderblom (USA) - Div. G
- Leonardo Testi (Germany) - Div. H
- Denis Burgarella (France) - Div. J

### *ECWG JM Chairs: (outgoing up to coffee break, plus incoming chairs)*

- Outgoing Fatoumata Kebe, Maria Drozdovskaya
- Incoming Hannah Stacey, Camilo Delgado-Correal



- Isabelle Grenier (France) - Div. D
- Cristina Mandrini (Argentina) - Div. E
- Maria Barucci (France) - Div. F
- Andrej Prsa (USA) - Div. G
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Welcome by the President and approval of the Agenda

### **Update on preparation for XXXI GA - Busan**

HK : Presentation on GA2022 status (see slides in file-share), discussing hybrid format options.

Having recordered talks would allow all astronomers to participate, including those who live in different time zones.

**DECISION:** agree with Hyesung 's option proposed for the talks

**ACTION:** MSS will send the DPs a reminder on what is covered for the PhD Prize recipients.

**DECISION:** March 31 deadline for the Division Days programs; HK will post a link to DD websites or a pdf file of the DD programs.

### **GA 2027 details: bidding procedure, hybrid, cost caps, etc.**

Future GAs should consider organizing for 4+4 days, as in Busan. Reducing the number of days makes it easier to maintain cheaper costs for the registrations and the rent of the location.

It is important to offer a hybrid option for future GAs. In-person meetings are very important, especially for early career astronomers, to establish new contacts and to interact. However, for astronomers who cannot participate in person for different reasons or can take part for only one week in person, a hybrid option would allow virtual participation in the entire GA.

### **Symposia 2023**

The discussion proposed by DW (see file-share report) concerning new rules for the next hybrid Symposia will continue among the Officers.

### **AOB**

**DECISION:** All in favour of rejecting the proposition by the WHO on naming new COVID strains after stars and constellations, and preparing a letter (with a solution) to WHO and possibly an announcement distancing the IAU and star-related naming for diseases.