



27th November, 2018

Dear A2 Commission Member:

Let us provide you with some information about several issues of our Commission after the IAU GA held in Vienna last August.

1) New Organizing Committee

After the elections realized before IAU GA and some later process, the positions of the Commission for the term 2018-2021 are:

- Florian Seitz (President)
- Zinovy M. Malkin (Vice-President)
- Alberto Escapa (Secretary)
- Jose Manuel Ferrándiz
- Shuanggen Jin
- Jolanta Nastula
- Hadia Hassan Selim
- Robert Heinkelmann (IAG representative to IAU Commission A2)
- Daniela Thaller (IERS representative to IAU Commission A2)
- Oleg A. Titov (IVS representative to IAU Commission A2)

In addition, OC counts on Richard Gross as Advisor in his condition of past president. We also inform that Patrick Charlot will continue his duty as the IAU representative to IVS.

We deeply thank all A2 OC past members in the triennium 2015-2018 for their work and efforts!

2) IAU Resolutions adopted at past GA

As was mailed by IAU General Secretary, there were approved [some resolutions](#) in last IAU GA. Among them we would like to underline [Resolution B1](#) “The Geocentric and International Terrestrial Reference Systems and Frames” proposed by our Commission. We thank all colleagues who participated in its writing and support.

Because of their relation with A2 Commission, it is also worth to mention the approval [Resolution B2](#) “The Third Realization of the International Celestial Reference Frame”.

3) Working group WG ThERV

The joint IAU Commission A2/IAG WG Theory of Earth Rotation and Validation will continue its activities under the same name and with the same scope until the IAG General Assembly as part of the IUGG GA to be held in Montreal, July 2019. Afterwards, the convenience of maintaining or creating new Commission WGs will be analyzed.

4) Centennial Celebration of Commission 19/A2 as part of the Journées 2019

July 28, 2019 will mark the 100th birthday of our Commission A2 (formerly named Commission 19). This occasion will be celebrated as part of the *Journées 2019: Astrometry, Earth rotation and Reference systems in the Gaia era*

The symposium will be organized jointly by IAU Commissions A1 and A2 and will be held at the Observatoire de Paris (IAP amphithéâtre) from October 7- 9, 2019.

Please reserve this date, further information about program, schedule, and deadlines will follow in due time.



5) Other forthcoming meetings

Several meetings of interest for our Commission are scheduled during the year 2019, in particular the:

- General Assembly of the EGU (Vienna, April)
- General Assembly of the IAG as part of the IUGG GA (Montreal, July)
- European Planetary Science Congress EPSC (Geneva, September)
- AGU Fall Meeting (San Francisco, December)

We would like to draw your attention in particular to the Earth Rotation Sessions at EGU and IAG GA and the upcoming deadlines:

- EGU [Session G3.1](#): Earth Rotation: Theoretical aspects, observation of temporal variations and physical interpretation. The deadline for abstract submission is January 10, 2019.
- IAG Session [G04: Earth Rotation and Geodynamics](#). The deadline for abstract submission is February 18, 2019.

Feedback about these matters or other announcements of interest to our Commission are very welcome (alberto.escapa@ua.es).

Sincerely

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President

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