

Report on Highlights of Division D in 2019

1. New Members:

Div D President approved the applications of Dr. Ghassen Rezgui (Faculty of Science, Tunis) for IAU Junior Membership and of Prof. Man Ho Chan (The Education University of Hong Kong) for IAU Associate Membership.

2. 2018 IAU PhD Prize:

Division D nominated Dr. Laura Becerra for the 2018 IAU PhD Prize, who earned her PhD with the thesis "Accretion in Compact Stars: Hypercritical Accretion in the Induced Gravitational Collapse and the Post-Merger Evolution of White Dwarfs Mergers" based on work developed in Italy and Colombia.

3. IAU Events Proposals:

The Div D Steering Committee pre-viewed and endorsed with supporting letters the following 2021 IAU events for which Div D acts as Coordinating Division: non-GA IAUS PI-ed by Dr. I. Liodakis; GA IAUS PI-ed by Drs. M. Caleb; FMs PI-ed by Dr. M. Orienti, D. Ryu, C. Zhang; and the following IAU events for which it acts as Supporting Division: non-GA IAUS PI-ed by Prof. J. Grindlay; GA IAUS PI-ed by Drs. H.-M. Lee, S. Etori, G. Tancredi; FM PI-ed by Dr. A. Ortiz-Gil.