

IAU Commission 31 (Time)
Circular 2, 31 July 2001

Dear colleagues,

Here are some informations on events related to our Commission

1)IAU symposia, IAU Colloquia

The deadline to propose symposia and colloquia for 2003 (and General Assembly) is February 15, 2002, to be transmitted to the Division I president, Nicole Capitaine.

For information, following is the list of IAU symposia and colloquia for 2002 (transmitted by N. Capitaine)

IAU Symp. 211: Brown Dwarfs
May 20-24 2002 in Honolulu, Hawaii
Contact Person: Eduardo Martin <ege@ifh.hawaii.edu

IAU Symp. 212: Massive Star Odyssey, from Main Sequence to Supernova
June 24-28 2002 in Lanzarote, Canary Islands, Spain
Contact Person: Karel A. van der Hucht <K.A.van.der.Hucht@sron.nl

IAU Symp. 213: Bioastronomy 2002: Life among the stars
July 8-12 2002 in Hamilton Island, Great Barrier Reef, Australia
Contact Person: Ray P. Norris <Ray.Norris@atnf.csiro.au

IAU Symp. 214: High Energy Processes and Phenomena in Astrophysics
August 5-10 2002 in Suzhou, China
Contact Person: Virginia Trimble <vtrimble@astro.umd.edu>

IAU Symp. 215: Stellar Rotation
November 8-12 2002 in Cancun, Mexico
Contact Person: Andr'e Maeder <andre.maeder@obs.unige.ch

IAU Coll. 186: Cometary Science after Hale-Bopp
January 21-25 2002 in St.Cruz, Tenerife, Canary Islands
Contact Person: Rita Schulz <Rita.Schulz@esa.int

IAU Coll. 187: Exotic Stars as Challenges to Evolution
March 4-8 2002 in Miami Beach, Florida
Contact Person: Robert E. Wilson <wilson@astro.ufl.edu

IAU Coll. 188: Magnetic Coupling of the Solar Atmosphere
June 11-15 2002 in Santorin, Greece
Contact Person: Udo Schuele <schuele@linmpi.mpg.de

IAU Coll. 189: Astrophysical Tides:
The effects in the Solar and Exoplanetary Systems
September 16-20 2002 in Nanjing, China
Contact Person: Iwan Williams <i.p.williams@qmv.ac.uk

IAU Coll. 190: Magnetic Cataclysmic Variables, MCV3
December 8-13 2002 in Cape Town, South Africa
Contact Person: Sonja Vrielmann <sonja@penguin.ast.uct.ac.za

2) Meeting of the Consultative Committee for Time and Frequency

The Consultative Committee for Time and Frequency met at the BIPM on 20-21 July 2001. When available later this year, the proceedings will be found at http://www.bipm.fr/enus/2_Committees/CCTF.shtml. Among the topics discussed, the following are more directly related to IAU C31:

* UTC and leap seconds: this standing issue (see in <http://www.bipm.org/IAU31/activities>)

has still no clear outcome in view.

* UTC(k): A new recommendation specifies which institution may use this conventional nomenclature.

* Application of IAU Resolutions (2000): There are no practical implications yet but the BIPM is asked to follow the developments in clock performance and study appropriate action, if required.

3) Update of e-mail lists

Thanks to a number of you, the e-mail list has been somewhat augmented and refreshed, and the new version is attached. I would be grateful if you could provide any information/correction on the list (do not worry if your name is shortened here, it should be OK on the web page).

According to IAU law it is not advised to post a list of e-mail addresses on the web, so you will not find this list there. I shall distribute the list to Commission members as required by updates.

Please also check names and affiliations in the 'membership' page on the web.

4) Update of the web page

The web page of Commission 31 has been updated and slightly expanded. You find it at <http://www.bipm.org/IAU31/>. Please feel free to comment and moreover contribute to the site.

Best wishes,

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