

CHAPTER IX

DIVISIONS, COMMISSIONS, & WORKING GROUPS

NOTE. This chapter lists the main IAU scientific bodies: Divisions, Commissions and their Working Groups.

For the new 9 Divisions which were introduced at the XXVIIIth General Assembly (August 2012) we report both the Organizing Committees in force during the triennium 2012-2015 and those elected for the triennium 2015-2018.

The old Commissions were all dismissed at the XXIXth General Assembly and replaced by the new ones: the final report about the activities of the old Commissions are reported in a separate Volume (Transaction XXIX A - Legacy Report). This Chapter lists the new Commissions and their respective Organizing Committees.

The Working Groups in force during the 2012-2015 triennium and those appointed at the XXIXth General Assembly for the triennium 2015-2018 are also reported.

The members of the Divisions and their (old) Commissions are listed in the following Chapters (X and XI respectively).

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 Commission 31 Time
 Commission 52 Relativity in Fundamental Astronomy

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Commission 6 Astronomical Telegrams
Commission 14 Atomic & Molecular Data
Commission 25 Astronomical Photometry and Polarimetry
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Commission 40 Radio Astronomy
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Commission 54 Optical & Infrared Interferometry

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Commission 16 Physical Study of Planets & Satellites
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 Commission 35 Stellar Constitution
 Commission 36 Theory of Stellar Atmospheres
 Commission 42 Close Binary Stars
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Commission 28 Galaxies
Commission 47 Cosmology

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D A	Multi-waveband Realisations of International Celestial Reference System	F. Mignard
D A	Numerical Standards in Fundamental Astronomy (NSFA)	B. Luzum
D A	Pulsar-based Timescales	G. Hobbs
D A	Redefinition of UTC	D. D. McCarthy
D A	Standards of Fundamental Astronomy (SOFA)	C. Y. Hohenkerk
D A	Third Realisation of International Celestial Reference Frame	C. S. Jacobs
D B	Future Large Scale Facilities	G. F. Gilmore
D B	Site Testing Instruments	A. i A. Tokovinin
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D E	International Collaboration on Space Weather	L. Damé
D E	International Data Access	R., D. Bentley
D F	Exoplanets for the Public	A. Lecavelier des Etangs
D F	Near Earth Objects	A. W. Harris
D F	Planetary System Nomenclature (WGPSN)	R. M. Schulz
D F	Small Bodies Nomenclature (SBN)	J. Tichá
D G	Abundances in Red Giants	
D G	Active B Stars	C. E. Jones
D G	Ap & Related Stars	G. Mathys
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D A-G	Nominal Units for Stellar & Planetary Astronomy	P. Harmanec
D C-E	Solar Eclipses	J. M. Pasachoff
D E-G	Solar-Type Stars	P. Petit

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C 55	CAP Journal	Sarah Jane Reed
C 55	Communicating Heliophysics	Carine Briand
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