

IAU - Commissions

Activities in the various astronomical sub-disciplines are mostly conducted by Commissions, coordinated through the IAU Scientific Divisions, steering the activities and evolution of one or more IAU Commissions.

The list below is that of the current Commissions, as approved by the Executive Committee (EC95, Padova, April 15-17, 2015) and presented at the XXIXth General Assembly in Honolulu. Please find the list of past Commissions **here** (https://www.iau.org/science/scientific_bodies/past_commissions/).

In this list the Commissions are grouped by their status with respect to Divisions:

- Regular Commissions
- Inter-Division Commissions
- Cross-Division Commissions

Individual Members of the Union may join or leave a Commission at any time, while belonging to no more than three Commissions. They should notify the relevant Commission Secretary and the IAU Secretariat.

Please find the Terms of Reference for Commissions **here** (https://www.iau.org/administration/statutes_rules/working_rules/#WorkRuIX).

Regular Commissions

	Commission Name	Parent Division
A1	Astrometry (/science/scientific_bodies/commissions/A1/)	Division A Fundamental Astronomy
A2	Rotation of the Earth (/science/scientific_bodies/commissions/A2/)	Division A Fundamental Astronomy
A3	Fundamental Standards (/science/scientific_bodies /commissions/A3/)	Division A Fundamental Astronomy
B1	Computational Astrophysics (/science/scientific_bodies /commissions/B1/)	Division B Facilities, Technologies and Data Science
B2	Data and Documentation (/science/scientific_bodies /commissions/B2/)	Division B Facilities, Technologies and Data Science
B3	Astroinformatics and Astrostatistics (/science/scientific_bodies /commissions/B3/)	Division B Facilities, Technologies and Data Science
B4	Radio Astronomy (/science/scientific_bodies/commissions/B4/)	Division B Facilities, Technologies and Data Science
B5	Laboratory Astrophysics (/science/scientific_bodies /commissions/B5/)	Division B Facilities, Technologies and Data Science
B6	Astronomical Photometry and Polarimetry (/science /scientific_bodies/commissions/B6/)	Division B Facilities, Technologies and Data Science
C1	Astronomy Education and Development (/science/scientific_bodies /commissions/C1/)	Division C Education, Outreach and Heritage
C2	Communicating Astronomy with the Public (/science /scientific_bodies/commissions/C2/)	Division C Education, Outreach and Heritage
C3	History of Astronomy (/science/scientific_bodies/commissions/C3/)	Division C Education, Outreach and Heritage

C4	World Heritage and Astronomy (/science/scientific_bodies /commissions/C4/)	Division C Education, Outreach and Heritage
D1	Gravitational Wave Astrophysics (/science/scientific_bodies /commissions/D1/)	Division D High Energy Phenomena and Fundamental Physics
E1	Solar Radiation and Structure (/science/scientific_bodies /commissions/E1/)	Division E Sun and Heliosphere
E2	Solar Activity (/science/scientific_bodies/commissions/E2/)	Division E Sun and Heliosphere
E3	Solar Impact Throughout the Heliosphere (/science /scientific_bodies/commissions/E3/)	Division E Sun and Heliosphere
F1	Meteors, Meteorites and Interplanetary Dust (/science /scientific_bodies/commissions/F1/)	Division F Planetary Systems and Biastronomy
F2	Exoplanets and the Solar system (/science/scientific_bodies /commissions/F2/)	Division F Planetary Systems and Biastronomy
F3	Astrobiology (/science/scientific_bodies/commissions/F3/)	Division F Planetary Systems and Biastronomy
G1	Binary and Multiple Star Systems (/science/scientific_bodies /commissions/G1/)	Division G Stars and Stellar Physics
G2	Massive Stars (/science/scientific_bodies/commissions/G2/)	Division G Stars and Stellar Physics
G3	Stellar Evolution (/science/scientific_bodies/commissions/G3/)	Division G Stars and Stellar Physics
G4	Pulsating Stars (/science/scientific_bodies/commissions/G4/)	Division G Stars and Stellar Physics
G5	Stellar and Planetary Atmospheres (/science/scientific_bodies /commissions/G5/)	Division G Stars and Stellar Physics
H1	The Local Universe (/science/scientific_bodies/commissions/H1/)	Division H Interstellar Matter and Local Universe
H2	Astrochemistry (/science/scientific_bodies/commissions/H2/)	Division H Interstellar Matter and Local Universe
H3	Planetary Nebulae (/science/scientific_bodies/commissions/H3/)	Division H Interstellar Matter and Local Universe

Inter-Division Commissions

Commission Name	Primary Division	Parent Division(s)
A4 Celestial Mechanics and Dynamical Astronomy (/science/scientific_bodies/commissions/A4/)	A	A , F
B7 Protection of Existing and Potential Observatory Sites (/science/scientific_bodies/commissions/B7/)	B	B , C
H4 Stellar Clusters throughout Cosmic Space and Time (/science/scientific_bodies/commissions/H4/)	H	G , H , J
J1 Galaxy Spectral Energy Distributions (/science/scientific_bodies/commissions/J1/)	J	D , G , H , J
Intergalactic Medium J2 (/science/scientific_bodies/commissions/J2/)	J	B , H , J

Cross-Division Commissions

Commission Name	Parent Divisions
Supermassive Black Holes, Feedback and Galaxy Evolution X1 (/science/scientific_bodies/commissions/X1/)	D , J
Solar System Ephemerides X2 (/science/scientific_bodies/commissions/X2/)	A , F