

Dear Commission 35 member,

it is now time to vote for the election of four (4) members of the Organizing Committee of Commission 35. You may cast your vote via the commission web site:

<http://iau-c35.stsci.edu/poll/index2009.html>

(the News page has a link to the voting page as well). Here, you can simply check off the names of up to 4 candidates and then submit your ballot electronically. The web site will automatically generate a return e-mail message to you to acknowledge the receipt of your vote. Julie Chen, who works at the Space Telescope Science Institute, will oversee the poll, and will be the only one at StScl who will have access to the data. She will forward a summary of the web-site votes to me (number of votes that are received by each candidate, as well as the number who voted) at the end of the election.

The elections will be held during this time span:

Opening: 12:01a EDT (= GMT – 4) on 3/26

Closure: 11:59p EDT (= GMT – 4) on 4/1

On behalf of the current OC and the general membership, I thank those who submitted nominations: I think that everyone will agree that we have an excellent slate of candidates. The list of candidates is the following:

- 1) Sarbani Basu -USA- asteroseismology
- 2) Marie-Jose Goupil -France- asteroseismology
- 3) Zhanwen Han - China - binary evolution and population synthesis
- 4) Jordi Isern - Spain - white dwarfs - supernovae progenitors
- 5) Marco Limongi - Italy - stellar structure and evolution, nucleosynthesis in massive stars, supernovae
- 6) Claus Leitherer -USA - massive stars, stellar populations at low and high redshift, development of stellar libraries and spectrophotometric models and tools.
- 7) Jacco van Loon -UK- mass loss from giants - AGBs - observational approach
- 8) Mario Monteiro - Portugal - asteroseismology
- 9) Dimitrij Nadyoshin -Russia - physical processes in supernovae, neutrino astrophysics, stellar nucleosynthesis.
- 10) Alex Pamyatnykh -Russia/Poland - asteroseismology
- 11) Lionel Siess -Belgium - stellar structure and evolution. AGB and superAGB modeling
- 12) Jorick Vink -UK - mass loss in hot stars
- 13) Matt Wood -USA - hydrodynamics simulations (SPH) of cataclysmic variable accretion disks and related systems

The above information is given on the web site as well. All candidates have confirmed their willingness to serve on the OC if elected.

Please take a few minutes to vote. I would really like to be able to report to you next week that a high percentage of the membership participated in the election.

All the best
Francesca D'Antona
President, IAU C35