

Dear A1 Commission member,

February 18th ., 2021

This is a newsletter dealing with two important topics for our A1 commission

- The renewal of the A1 Commission Organizing Committee, with a candidate application form
- A Gaia two days meeting in June 28th. – 29th.(abstract deadline on March 2nd.)

Best Regards

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- **RENEWAL OF THE A1 COMMISSION ORGANIZING COMMITTEE**

This is time to prepare the elections for the new members of the A1 com. Organizing Committee. Probably 4 seats will be free for the new term (2021-2024) and the elections will be soon (in a few weeks)

We strongly recommend members of the A1 commission to apply as candidate to be a member of the O.C.

Here is the link to the candidate application form for the Commission elections (IAU login first):

https://www.iau.org/submissions/commission_candidacy/

Please do not hesitate to ask if you have any questions.

- **GAIA 2 DAYS MEETING JUNE 28th. – 29th 2021**

Gaia: The (TWO) Billion Star Galaxy Census: The Science of EDR3 and the promise of DR3

Registration and Abstract submission is now open for the EAS 2021 meeting 28 June - 2 July 2021 see <https://eas.unige.ch/EAS2021/index.jsp>

As part of this – there is a two day MW-Gaia / GREAT/ Gaia Symposium - 28+29 June 2021 see <https://eas.unige.ch/EAS2021/session.jsp?id=S15>

The outline programme for the two days is:

- Gaia EDR3: Highlight Science
- Gaia / GREAT/MW-Gaia / Gaia Unlimited Status
- Gaia EDR3: Highlight Science (The Milky Way as a Galaxy)
- Gaia EDR3: Highlight Science (The Birth, Life and Death of Stars)
- Gaia EDR3: Highlight Science (from Solar system to reference frames)
- Gaia networking and ground based synergies with Gaia
- Lunch session with an update on the Gaia Archive and also an

opportunity for poster presenters to deliver a 'lightening' talk of their (e-)poster.

As in previous years (see for instance the programme and talks from our Symposium at the EAS 2020 meeting - <http://great.ast.cam.ac.uk/Greatwiki/GreatMeet-PM13>) the programme will consist largely of contributed talks. We encourage you to submit your abstract for the meeting, abstracts from early stage researchers are especially welcome.

Abstract deadline is *2 March 2021* - so soon now –

https://eas.unige.ch/EAS_meeting/abstract_submission.jsp - make sure you submit to Symposium S15.