



# Commission A2 Rotation of the Earth International Astronomical Union

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Dear A2 Commission Member:

As a continuation of the CA2 Newsletter of the beginning of the year, let us provide some recent information related to the end of the term 2018-2021 activities of our Commission.

– Continuation of the Commission:

- IAU Executive Committee accepted the continuation of the Commission A2 Rotation of the Earth for the next term 2021-2023.

– Elections of the Commission:

- It is necessary to start the process of election of the incoming Organizing Committee of CA2 according to [IAU Working Rules](#).
- In particular, 1 Vice President and 3 regular Organizing Committee members have to be elected. The Commission's current Vice President, Zinovy Malkin, has agreed to serve as President during 2021-2023. Thus, no election for Commission A2 President will be held.
- We will send by email the particular election timeline (call/closure of candidate applications; opening/end commission elections, and announcement of the results) when it is scheduled as well the particular procedures. We encourage your participation in the process.

– Commission A2 proposal of IAU resolutions:

- Two proposals of resolutions are being prepared for submission to IAU. The first one is about the Improvement of the Earth's Rotation Theories and Models alike the IAG 2019 Resolution 5 and it is based on the outcomes of the IAU Commission A2 Joint Working Group on Theory of Earth Rotation and Validation (JWG TERV), joint with the IAG Commission 3. The second one is related to the preservation and allocation of frequency bands for geodetic radio astronomy, i.e. VLBI and VGOS.

– Commission A2 triennial report:

- As usual a triennial report covering the activities of Commission A2 during the years 2018-2021 is under preparation. It will follow a similar structure as the last one available in the [web of the Commission](#).
- If there is any relevant activity of the Commission that you want to see included in the report, please contact us or the author of the respective national/institutional report as soon as possible (before Friday, February, 26).

Any feedback about the above-mentioned points, or other announcements of interest to our Commission, are very welcome ([alberto.escapa@ua.es](mailto:alberto.escapa@ua.es)).

Sincerely,

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