

Commission B7 Activity:

Inter-Division B-C Commission Protection of Existing and Potential Observatory Sites

The Commission through its Working Group structure is focusing on four major objectives:

- * Defining a set of IAU endorsed standards for astronomy-friendly outdoor lighting and the associated policies to gain compliance.

- * Supporting the efforts of getting UN-level endorsements for World Heritage status and COPUOS declaration in favor of site protection for ground-based optical/IR and radio observing assets. The WH efforts are starting with Chile; COPUOS will highlight facilities critical for supporting space missions.

- * Engaging our professional colleagues widely in promoting dark/quiet sky protection, with the Commission providing supporting materials and links on a website.

- * A strong education and public outreach effort, with dark/quiet skies issues tied to sustainability, and building on the IYL heritage, through the joint WG with Division C.