Report on GASS Commission J Business Meetings

1. Results of Election of Vice Chair

Douglas Bock was elected as the new Vice Chair of Commission J.

2. Results of Election of Early Career Representative

Jackie Gilmore was elected as the new ECR. Her term will overlap with S. Wijnholds for the next three years.

3. Appointment of Associate Editor for Radio Science Bulletin

J. Baars agreed to continue as the Associated Editor for the Radio Science Bulletin for the next three years.

4. Updates/Status of Working Groups

R. Schilizzi on the IAU-URSI Working Group (WG) for Historical Radio Astronomy. The purpose of the WG was reviewed along with the three major tasks: 1) historical publications, 2) preserving surviving radio telescopes, and 3) assimilating biographies and memoirs. Books and published papers over the past three years were listed together with active projects. Conferences were also mentioned. The archival website at NRAO was highlighted. It was noted that the WG has national reporters in various countries that report to the WG chair on events. Current and planned activities were reviewed.

The Chair listed the Inter-Union Working groups and a brief discussion of IUCAF followed. H. Liszt gave a brief report on recent activities of IUCAF, including some background information about the group’s history and purpose. He mentioned that a complete report is available in the RSB. Liszt also noted that Subra Ananthakrishnan will soon be retiring from IUCAF and that Haonan Chen will be joining. It was noted that URSI helps to support IUCAF and handles the budget – appreciation was expressed. New members are being sought.

5. Updates to Terms of Reference of Commission

No Changes to report

6. Meetings proposed to be supported in the coming triennium

No specific meeting were discussed.
7. Report and comments on the scientific program of the Commission for the current GASS

There was some discussion of the Montreal GASS, mostly centred around issues with food and alcohol. There was also a dislike for parallel sessions. An idea of mini-talks was discussed as a way to provide some advertisement to the poster presentations. There was a question about archiving talks but it was pointed out that the papers are now on IEEE Xplore. There was some discussion regarding how to stimulate local URSI meetings in various countries. The concept of workshops affiliated with the URSI meetings was strongly supported.

8. Proposed sessions for the next GASS

This discussion was postponed – the focus was on AT-RASC

9. Proposed sessions for the AT-RASC

The results are reflected in the AT-RASC Commission J program that has been submitted.

10. Other business

No new business to report.

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