

SKA SWG Chairs meeting – February 2025

Minutes/Notes

Attending:

Anna, Philippa with a total of 21 attendees.

At least: Marta, Jason, Catherine, Betsey, Bhal Chandra, Fernando, Adrian, Fatemah, Tim

Science meeting update by Philippa:

Update from Philippa on the science meeting. Notified the upcoming deadlines/important dates

Details provided on the programme of the meeting.

<https://www.skao.int/en/science-users/skao-science-meeting-2025>

Questions:

Marta Spinelli: I got a question from a SWG member that I assume I knew the answer but just to be sure: Lightning' talks are during the parallels or the plenary?

Response: All talks not selected for talks will be offered a poster.

Jason: What do groupings mean?

Response: They will have the use of same room on the same day.

Catherine Hale: Quite a lot of significant overlap between groups.

Joe: Overlap of interests across groups is an issue although there is no right answer to fix it.

Response: Need to think of an optimal grouping.

Betsey: How will discussion be structured across groups since there is overlapping?

Response: Need to have a consultation between different groups for joint discussion. Not intended for a concrete grouping, but instead a best use of the rooms available. And individual SWGs can suggest what best works for them.

BCJ: Overlapping science area to be closely located.

Response: Some rooms are quite close to each other, but not very close by rooms in Gorlitz.

Marta: We could decide this after we have seen the talks subject/quality

Response: Agreed, will be done after consultation with SWGs chairs.

Fernando Camilo: Can people present remotely?

Response: Yes zoom possible. But in-person is recommended.

Fernando Camilo: How many number of talks can be accepted?

Response: About half the talks can be accepted.

Marta: One day and half for parallel, and we can have SWGs discussion within that or have extra time?

Response: Within 1.5 day, 0.5 day will be discussion

Jason Hessels: Less time for plenary, and less overlap between parallel sessions

Betsey: Is there missing half a day? Are the rooms available?

Response: Yes we do have availability. But also recommend a break.

Catherine: The 1.5 day is for ExGAI Cont+ Mag. How does this grouping matches with weighting of number of people in groups and sessions? Is there some weighting by size of the group of submission?

Response: The suggested groupings fit the room sizes.

Betsey: What is the role of SWGs chairs role compared to the SOC?

Response: SWG chairs will guide.

Overall concern: The size of the rooms is a big concern.

Response: Some might attend online.

Catherine: What is the typical distance between two rooms?

Response: Rooms are ~400m away and lunch is ~700m away.

Fernando: How many people have registered?

Response: Around 60.

Fernando: Special hotel rates end on 1st March. Should people book the hotels? It is too early.

Response: This will be taken to the organizing committee.

Adrian: Given the capacity of each room, 50% of the people have to be rejected. With such a late registration, people might book hotels etc will have a trouble. Also visa could be a concern.

Response: Need to give a thought on that.

Fatemah: We have already discussed the possibility of having joint discussion sessions between Continuum and HI and Cosmology SWGs...

Betsey: I see value in fewer talks and more discussion. The discussion is something that can only happen at the meeting.

SKAO confirmed sessions mentioned: AfAS, EAS

Science data challenge update by Anna:

In the process of submitting a paper, to be submitted in a few weeks. Another paper on the simulations in preparation.

Updates on SDC3b provided.

SDC4: Status and timeline provided.

New chairs introduced: Tim Huege (HECP). Welcome!