

Monthly SWG Chairs Telecon
15:30–16:30 UTC 07–Dec–2016

SKAO Science Team (RB, JW, AB, TB),
Anne Mao, Andrea Possenti, Rob Beswick, J.–P. Macquart, Garrelt Mellema

Robert Braun went through a prepared presentation which can be found at
http://astronomers.skatelescope.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/SKA_Update_SWG_Dec16.pdf

Discussion during the presentation:

1. Andrea Possenti presented the ideas for the session topics for the EWASS17 Synergies Symposium (6 x 1.5h)
 - a. SKA<->Athena
 - b. SKA<->CTA
 - c. Breakthrough radio astronomy: exploring the unknown (SKA<->Radio/mm)
 - d. Transformational pictures of the Universe (SKA<->Optical/IR)
 - e. New visions of the energetic and relativistic Cosmos (SKA<->X-ray/Gamma-ray)
 - f. A fully deployed multi-messenger astronomy (SKA<->GW/particle)

2. Rob Beswick asked if the current cost could be revealed. It is >900M Euro mainly due to a significant cost increase presented by one consortium.
The current cost cap is 674M (2016).

3. Further feedback from the Goa meeting suggests that some people chose not to attend or were unable to attend due to issues with obtaining an Indian VISA.

For more details on the outcomes of the latest SKA Board meeting, see the Notes from the Chair at <https://www.skatelescope.org/notes-from-the-chair/>

Provisionally decided that SWG Chair telecons should continue monthly in 2017, on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, initially at 8 UT.