

Report IAU Commission H2

The commission has a singular focus on the main field unifying IAU meeting on Astrochemistry held every 5-6 years. The last meeting was held in 2017 in Chile and the commission began its initial plans for the proposal for the next meeting to be held in 2022 or 2023. The commission also focused on supporting additional IAU conferences that fell under our auspices.

In terms of management matters Dr. Jes Jorgensen replaced Maria Cunningham as the commission secretary.

Finally, in April 2020 the commission announced a virtual conference to be held during the week of June 15-19. Our goal is to foster field unity in this trying time and the IAU offered a great venue for this effort. Further, we will have 60 talk slots where our excellent early career scholars can be visible in times where conferences are being cancelled. The commission president will run the meeting via the University of Michigan zoom account and there is strong support the commission. The announcement was sent on April 17 and on April 23 there are already 143 individuals registered.

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