

## **WG ASTRONOMY FOR EQUITY, INCLUSION AND DIVERSITY**

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Report for the period Jan to Dec 2017

The year 2017 has been quite productive for this WG. To start with, thanks to Silvina Pérez (IteDA-Argentina) and Lina Canas (IAU-OAO, Japan) we have a new website and presence in the social media (Facebook, Twitter).

Group members have produced new resources and activities which have been published in the WG website. We had discussions in the WG email list about activities and new resources coming out from our members and from others, thus allowing for the exchange of information that is one of the main goals of the WG in order to build on top of previous experiences.

The WG helped in the elaboration of a selection of accessible activities for Astronomers without Borders (AWB) Global Astronomical Month (GAM) 2017. Each day of that month one of the activities was featured by the communications team of AWB. Several members of the WG are helping with the OAO Astronomy Translation Network project. The group is also assisting in the creation of the interactive exhibition for the next IAU General Assembly in Vienna “Inspiring Stars” with accessible and inclusive resources.

We have been making good progress with the project of the astronomy sign language dictionary. The translations into Spanish and English of the original French dictionary by Dominique Proust *et al.* are already available at the WG website. Work is being done on a compilation of signs from many other languages, and a first list of 47 terms has also been published, as well as announced in an IAU press release (<https://www.iau.org/news/pressreleases/detail/iau1706/>)

There is also an on-going collaboration with the AAS WAGD, in particular the elaboration of a document regarding journal accessibility.