

CHAPTER IX

IAU DIVISIONS, COMMISSIONS, WORKING GROUPS AND PROGRAM GROUPS 2006 - 2009

1. Introduction

As a result of the triennial reviews by the IAU Division presidents of their Commissions and Working Groups (Bye-Laws § V), the following structural changes have been proposed and approved by the Executive Committee.

2. Discontinued Commissions and Working Groups

Div.I/WG General Relativity in Celestial Mechanics, Astrometry & Metrology
(upgraded to Div.I/Commission 52 Relativity in Fundamental Astronomy)

Div.I/WG - *Re-definition of Universal Time Coordinated*

Div.I/WG - *Precession and the Ecliptic*

Div.I/WG - *Nomenclature for Fundamental Astronomy*

Div.I/WG - *Future Development of Ground-Based Astrometry*

Div.I-III/WG - *Near Earth Objects*

(upgraded to EC - Working Group Hazards of near-Earth Objects)

Div.I/Comm.8/WG - *Astrographic Catalogue and Carte du Ciel*

Div.III/WG - *Extrasolar Planets*

(upgraded to Div.III/Commission 53 Extrasolar Planets)

Div.V/WG - *Variable and Binary Stars in Galaxies*

Div.V/Comm.42/WG - *Accretion Physics in Interacting Binaries*

Div.IX/Comm.9 - *Instrumentation and Techniques*

Div.IX/WG - *Optical and Infrared Interferometry*

(upgraded to Div.IX/Commission 54 Optical and Infrared Interferometry)

Div.XII/WG - *Communicating Astronomy with the Public*

(upgraded to Div.XII/Commission 55 Communicating Astronomy with the Public)

Div.XII/Comm.14/WG - *Atomic Spectra and Wavelengths*

Div.XII/Comm.14/WG - *Atomic Transition Probabilities*

Div.XII/Comm.14/WG - *Line Broadening*

Div.XII/Comm.14/WG - *Molecular Structure*

Div.XII/Comm.14/WG - *Molecular Reactions on Solid Surfaces*

Div.XII/Comm.14/WG - *Optical Properties of Solids*

Div.XII/Comm.14/WG - *Gas Phase Reactions*

3. New Commissions and Working Groups

Div.I/Comm.52 - *Relativity in Fundamental Astronomy*

Div.I/WG - *Second Realization of International Celestial Reference Frame*

Div.I/WG - *Numerical Standards in Fundamental Astronomy*

Div.I/WG - *Astrometry by Small Ground-Based Telescopes*

Div.III/Comm.53 - *Extrasolar Planets*

Div.VII/WG - *Galactic Center*

Div.IX/Comm.54 - *Optical and Infrared Interferometry*

Div.IX/WG - *Adaptive Optics*

Div.IX/WG - *Site Testing Instruments*

Div.IX/WG - *Large Telescope Projects*

Div.IX/WG - *Small Telescope Projects*

Div.XII/Comm.55 *Communicating Astronomy with the Public*

Div.XII/Comm.14/WG - *Atomic Data*

Div.XII/Comm.14/WG - *Molecular Data*

Div.XII/Comm.14/WG - *Solids and their Surfaces*