

Dear colleagues,

you are reading the second edition of the German SKA Bulletin. Before the summer break we would like to share some short and important updates about:

German SKA Membership:

In July the membership of Germany in the SKAO has changed from a full member to an associated partner, invited as an observer in the SKA board. This change of membership has been announced by the BMBF last year and has numerous implications and restrictions for German scientist and German Industry. We are working hard in the hope that this status will change again in the near future.

Upcoming National Road Map Process:

The first step to get Germany back into the SKAO as a full member is the National Roadmap of Infrastructures. In order to coordinate a possible proposal to an upcoming National Roadmap Process we are organising a workshop in September in Bielefeld.

Therefore we seek your support and we would like to invite you the

GLOWSKA National Road Map Workshop in Bielefeld 03.09.–04.09.2015

More information and details will be provided after the summer break.

SKA Headquarter Decision:

Two excellent bids from Italy and the UK were received by the SKA board. In their final decision the members decided to locate the SKA headquarters at the same place as the office of the current SKA Organisation, Jodrell Bank near Manchester, UK.

SKA Science Use Cases:

A new call for SKA Science Use Cases has been issued. You find the appropriate form for handing in such a SKA Science Use Case at

http://astronomers.skatelescope.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/UseCase_Template_postRBS.docx

This new call for use cases is important to allow the SKA consortia to optimise the design of the SKA after the rebaselining earlier this year. For further questions please contact the chair(s) of the relevant science working group or the SKA office: j.wagg@skatelescope.org

Advances in Radioastronomy:

This year Dieter Engels, Matthias Kadler, and Enno Middelberg are inviting you to the splinter meeting "Advances in Radioastronomy" at the annual assembly of the German astronomical society in Kiel, September 17.-18 2015. The focus of the splinter will be how technological advances have facilitated recent progress in the field.

Upcoming events:

SKA Key Science Project Workshop, Stockholm, August 24 - 27, 2015
<https://indico.skatelescope.org/conferenceDisplay.py?confId=342>

GLOWSKA National Road Map Workshop, Bielefeld, September 3–4, 2015

Annual Assembly of the Astronomische Gesellschaft, Kiel, September 14-18, 2015

Enjoy the summer and we hope to see you all in September,

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